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## Column One
By David Courtney

SLANSKY, Clementis, and nine others are to die.

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MORE and more, in a world full of sentiment and empty of pity, the space between life and death becomes narrowed. More and more, in the name of merciless ideologies, the State itself becomes a savage conspiracy against justice.

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A GREAT deal has been written and spoken about the Prague trial. Its resort to the worst kind of racialism has revolted honest men and shocked thoughtful people into a search for some logical explanation. "It can only be understood," writes one London commentator, "if it is regarded, not as a trial in the western sense but as the last stage in a battle for power between two rival groups of Communists." The defeated group consists mainly of Jews. From that fact may derive the decision of the victors to raise anti-Semitism to the dignity of a policy of State.

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SLANSKY went into the dock as good a Communist as his judges. With Geminder, Reicin and London, his novitiate in the faith had been served in Moscow. Geminder had been for years an official of the Comintern and an agent of the Soviet secret police. As recently as July, 1951 Slansky was fulsomely praised by Gottwald for his services to communism in Czechoslovakia. Within four months of that date, he lost his job and now he is to lose his life. In the internecine ruthlessness of revolutionary statecraft it is not unusual for the lives of ambitious men to become forfeit to the power-lust of other ambitious men. What is unusual is that the grim process should have been broadened to make forfeit to that lust a principle of which communism has never failed to boast; and to bring into the service of the State one of the most ancient and most vile of racial superstitions.

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THE death sentences have been passed. The rival group of Communists presently will have been got rid of. In the Middle Ages, a phial of poison, a stiletto in the dead of night, a hired killer in a flowing cape, would have done. Today, the State judiciary has taken the place of the hired killer in the flowing robe. There the tragedy lies. Not Slansky's life alone, and the life of the others, and not merely the boasted absence of racialism from the Czechoslovak system, but the rule of law as the basis of man's freedom within the community, has been forfeited to the ambitions of the present rulers of the State.

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COMMUNISTS in this country, infuriated by the bitter protests of others, and perhaps hurt in their consciences, have retorted: But what of the Rosenbergs and Miami? If there had been a hundred Rosenberg sentences and all of them unjust, and a hundred Miamis, the evil done at Prague would still have been grossly evil.

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ARGUMENT and parallel aside, Slansky, Clementis and nine others are to die; Zionism to be outlawed; the Jews to be suspect: for this reason or that; but a reason that already exposes fatal weakness in the present Communist regime of Czechoslovakia.

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IT need not be said that the men who are to die are martyrs for a cause that will triumph. There is no cause and no martyrdom here in the person of any man. The trial itself is the cause. It was a mockery and a martyrdom of justice. Mr. Gottwald and his friends have made themselves safe from Mr. Slansky and his. But their black day inevitably must come. A ruling clique established on the negation of law and forced to buttress itself with racial superstitions will need to keep its hangmen pretty busy. And hangmen, on the evidence of history, usually keep a halter ready for those who have overworked them.

*Jerusalem, November 28.*

## Progressive Exec. Vote to Join, But Approval Needed

TEL AVIV, Thursday. — The Executive of the Progressive Party voted 17 to 15 tonight to return to the Ben Gurion coalition. The decision requires the approval of the 120-man Party Council which will meet next week.

The vote was taken by secret ballot after a dramatic meeting in which Mr. Moshe Kol and Mr. Ishar Harari spoke in favour of joining the Government, and Dr. Herbert Feerder, Mr. Pinhas Rosen and Mr. Yehuda Shari spoke against. Dr. Feerder is slated to be Minister of Commerce and Industry and Mr. Rosen, a former Minister of Justice, will return to the Government without a portfolio, if the Council approves the move.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, joined in later and spoke in favour of returning to the Government.

Those who favoured entering the coalition argued that the Party could exercise more influence within the Government than by remaining in opposition. Mr. Kol said that the party was intrinsically collaborationist and must cooperate, particularly if it could show achievement.

The opponents said that Mapai had made no fundamental concessions on basic issues of economic and educational policies.

## Cyprus RAF Searching For Israel Sailboat

POST Correspondent

NICOSIA, Thursday. — The R.A.F. in Cyprus has been searching for a missing Israel sailing boat since dawn this morning. The missing boat is understood to have left Haifa on November 18 and has been unheard of since. The search was intensified this afternoon when four Meteor-7's, two Beaufighters and one Valetta were added to the search party. Altogether 26 RAF planes have been engaged in the biggest search ever from Cyprus.

The first sortie from here this morning was made up of 13 jet Vampires, who searched the area around the island's coast and between Cyprus and Lebanon.

The jets have now withdrawn, but the search is continuing with five R.A.F. Valiettas. They are searching the area along the Lebanese and Israel coasts and further south towards Canal Zone.

Five R.A.F. Vallettas planes from the Canal Zone are also searching the Egyptian coast.

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The Army spokesman announced in Tel Aviv that two Israel sailboats with 15 sailors aboard were driven out to sea by a heavy storm and did not report back at the appointed time. Sea and Air Forces of the Israel Defence Army began search operations immediately, it was said.

On November 24 the Lebanese delegation to the Mixed Armistice Commission reported that one Israel sailboat with a crew of eight was picked up along the Lebanese coast. The sailors were taken to Beirut, where they are reported to be in good health.

### THE JERUSALEM POST

*On the occasion of its 26th anniversary, The Jerusalem Post will publish a special Economic Supplement on Monday.*

*The 24-page Supplement contains authoritative articles on a variety of topical subjects and instructive statistical studies, reflecting some of the developments during these 26 years and vital problems of Israel's economy today. It is introduced by an important article, "The Road to Stabilization," by Mr. Peretz Naphtali, Minister of Agriculture.*

*Subscribers will receive the Supplement with Monday's issue. Others interested are advised to place their order immediately as the edition is limited.*

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## 4 Candidates Named To Run for Presidency

**Four candidates have been nominated for the presidential elections to be held in the Knesset on December 8. Entries closed at midnight tonight. The candidates are:**

1) Yitzhak Ben Zvie (Mapai), who headed the National Council for Palestine Jews (Va'ad Leumi) for 17 years.

2) Dr. Pinchs Rosenblis (General Zionist), who was Minister of Commerce and Industry in the Provisional Government of 1948, and now heads the General Zionist opposition in the Knesset.

3) Rabbi Mordecai Nurock (Mizrahi), the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs, who became the candidate of the four religious parties yesterday after Dr. Aharon Barth, Managing Director of Bank Leumi, finally declined to stand.

4) Yitzhak Greenbaum (unaffiliated, but nominated by Mapam), who was Minister of Interior in the Provisional Government and for many years previously was a key figure in the Jewish Agency Executive.

**Mr. Ben Zvie is favoured to win the election on the third ballot. Neither the parties to the Right or the Left of Mapai have enough votes to elect a candidate, unless Mapai switches its vote from Mr. Ben Zvie. However, if all the other parties continue to oppose Mr. Ben Zvie they can block his election and create a deadlock. In such an event, the election of Rabbi Nurock with the support of Mapai is possible. The other two candidates have been put up for demonstrative purposes only and have no chance of election.**

### 61 Votes Needed

Unless one of the candidates withdraws, none of them could mathematically be elected on the first or second ballot when 61 votes in the 120 member Chamber are needed. On the third and subsequent ballots a majority of the votes cast will be sufficient.

There are six General Zionists and two members each from Mapai, Herut and the Communists absent from the country. Assuming that the three candidates who are members of the Knesset will not participate in the election and that all members who are present in the country will attend, approximately 103 votes will be cast. Thus, a 53 votes will be needed for election on the third ballot, but of course the final number depends upon the actual participation.

Mapai and their Arab affiliates control 39 votes on paper, but Police Minister Behor Shitreet and Mr. Zalman Aranne are in the U.S. and Mr. Ben Zvie will probably abstain. Thus they would have 47 votes.

### Herut Measure

The Herut party, which lacks the necessary 10 members to sponsor a candidate, will seek to introduce a measure in the Knesset on Wednesday, five days before the election date, broadening the presidential powers. The Herut bill, which is being drafted by Dr. Yohanan Bader, would give the president veto powers, would authorize him to appoint Army commanders-in-chief and judges, and would permit him to preside over meetings of the Cabinet, but without a vote.

Unless the General Zionists and Herut swing behind Rabbi Nurock and make him a serious contender, Hapoel Hamizrahi will swing their eight votes to Mr. Ben Zvie on the third ballot and secure his election. Ahdut Avodah are also expected to cast their two votes for the Mapai candidate.

Mr. Ben Zvie is personally popular with the rival parties. He is acceptable to the moderate religious group because he is a traditional Jew. As a member of a parliamentary committee investigating complaints of discrimination against religious education in ma'abarot he upheld some of the complaints of the religious groups.

However, there is a strong feeling that Mapai should be content with the Premiership and the Speakership of the House, and that another party should get the Presidency. If all parties outside Mapai stand firmly on this point, they could block Mr. Ben Zvie's election.

Dr. Barth, who had been considered a serious contender, declined to accept the nomination of the religious parties yesterday morning when it became clear that he would not be the candidate of most of the parties. He had earlier declined to run, but was inclined to reconsider when he was told by Hapoel Hamizrahi leaders that, as a man who had been above party politics for a decade, he could unite behind him the entire Knesset except the Mapam and Communist members. When Dr. Barth says that Mizrahi had put up Mr. Ben Zvie, he finally refused to stand.

## Zionist Council Ends Session

**The adoption of a score of resolutions aimed at strengthening the Zionist Movement and extending its work in Israel brought to a close yesterday the eight-day conference of the Zionist General Council in Jerusalem.**

By adjourning as early as 7:30 in the evening, in a subdued and sombre mood, the meeting broke with the tradition of Zionist conferences of not ending on the scheduled time and having a final late hour session.

Noting that the conference had been marked by a minimum of polemics and a maximum of practical discussion, Mr. Yosef Sprinzak, Chairman of the Council, called upon the delegates to redouble their efforts in making Zionism the "leading force in uniting Jewry."

The needs of Jews, he said, are still "self-defence and self-determination," the one where Jews are imperilled and the other for them in Israel.

Mr. Beri Locker, Chairman of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem, prefaced his final summation with a warm tribute to the late Chaim Weizmann.

The Government's grant of status to the Zionist Movement Mr. Locker termed the second most vital ruling for Jewry after the Law of Return. "It is now up to us to prove whether we are strong enough to enlist the Jewish masses in the Movement," he asserted.

### 'Barbaric Attack'

Mr. Locker described the Prague trial as a "barbaric attack on our national liberation movement," and reinforced the Movement's rejection of charges that it ever participated in any form of subversion. Declaring that there could only be one Movement he demanded the "total identification of every Zionist party" with it. He disclosed that Mapam's stand on the trial had been discussed by the Executive yesterday. It was learned that a number of delegates from the West had demanded immediate action to curtail Mapam's influence and activities particularly in the fields of education and organizing of youth. No decision was taken but the issue, it is believed, will remain under constant study.

All the resolutions were approved speedily and practically as submitted by the four commissions. The IL.72,736,000 budget was passed after authorising the permanent Budget Committee, in consultation with the Agency Executive, to decide on the allocation of a IL.3m. reserve and on other reserve funds that may be forthcoming.

A proposal by the commission on the Agency's activities in Israel urging the Executive to increase the immigration flow was adopted. It was interpreted as giving the "go-ahead" signal to the plan to relax the provisions of the selectivity programme. A series of proposals to increase the number of agricultural settlements, welcoming steps being taken to liquidate the ma'abarot and to expand Youth Aliya work, were also passed.

The Council recommended the establishment of Zionist Advisory Regional Councils in "areas where they may prove helpful" and would consist of organizations in several countries. This proposal was made by the Commission on Diaspora Activities, which also offered resolutions on the need for pioneering and educational work abroad. A constitution for the Council, as submitted by the fourth commission, was adopted and outlined the composition and jurisdiction of the body, as well as listing orders of procedure.

The Council voted to send a congratulatory cable to the Rev. Y.K. Goldbloom of England on his 80th birthday, and a cable wishing speedy recovery to Prof. S. Brodetsky in England.

The singing of Hatikva, followed by the experienced gavel-rapping of Mr. Sprinzak, ended the conference.

### Yehiel Off to Bonn

LYDDA AIRPORT, Thursday (ITIM). — Dr. Haim Yehiel, deputy head of the Israel Purchasing Mission in West Germany, left here for Frankfurt by PAL today, on his way to Bonn. He said he was going to Germany for a short visit of only two or three weeks to watch developments on ratication of the agreement by the West German parliament.

Asked if he would deal with political propaganda in connection with Arab threats, Dr. Yehiel, who until his present appointment served as director of the Information Division of the Foreign Ministry, said his duties had not yet been defined, apart from his appointment as deputy head of the Mission.

### AFTER MIDNIGHT

Dr. Nahum Goldmann left by Air France last night for Bonn where he will meet Dr. Adenauer. On Sunday he will unveil a monument at Bergen Belsen and will then fly to London to attend a World Jewish Congress meeting to deal with the problem arising out of the Prague trial.

## Adenauer Wins As Bundestag Votes Treaty Debate

BONN, Thursday (Reuter). — West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer won a triumph today when the Bundestag (Lower House) agreed by a large vote of 220 to 180 to vote next week on the ratification of the West German Peace Treaty and the European Army pact under which Germany will conscript an army of 500,000 men.

Government leaders said they believed that the treaties will be approved by about the same majority next Friday.

His unexpectedly heavy 40-vote majority wiped out his defeat by 13 votes on the same issue last week, when a group of some 200 coalition deputies rebelled.

### Full House

Scarcely a seat in the house was empty after strict order to attend was sent out to deputies throughout the country, including the sick. Dr. Franz Etzel, a Christian Democrat, who has not occupied his seat since being appointed Vice-Chairman of the Schuman Plan higher authority, was called back from Luxemburg.

The one-hour debate, which started as a discussion on procedure, was packed with incident and tension.

## Jessup Confers with Arabs At Private Meeting

UNITED NATIONS, Thursday, (UP). — The senior American U.N. delegate, Mr. Philip Jessup, discussed with the leaders of the Arab delegations the Palestine, Tunis, and Moroccan questions at a long, private meeting here today.

It is not known how France will behave when the last two issues come up not later than next Monday. So far, France has held that the U.N. is not competent to discuss what she feels to be French internal matters. A British spokesman said today that his country supported France in this contention.

The Arab-Asian resolution, not yet ready, is expected to ask the U.N. to help Tunisia and France to renew negotiations on the former's claim for independence.

### JORDAN ABSENT FROM M.A.C.

The Jordan delegation absented itself from an emergency meeting of the Mixed Armistice Commission held yesterday. The meeting had been convened by the Chairman of the Commission, General B. de Riddler, at the request of Israel, in connection with the document found on the body of a marauder last week revealing that he had been on active duty.

An Israel policeman and an Army officer gave evidence at the meeting, at which the acting head of the Israel delegation, Rav-Seren Nutov, represented Israel. The meeting will be continued at the beginning of next week. The Chairman promised he would take steps to bring the Arab Legion Commander, who had signed the document, to the meeting as a witness.

# Prague Verdict: 11 to Die, 3 Others Jailed for Life

## Israel to Counter Prague Offensive

By JESSE ZEL LURIE,
POST Correspondent

UNITED NATIONS, Thursday. —Mr. Abba Eban, senior Israel delegate to the U.N., yesterday met representatives of Jewish organizations to decide on concerted action to counteract Prague efforts to revive the Protocols of Zion.

The Israelis are looking for an opportune moment to answer Czechoslovak attacks on the Zionist liberation movement from the U.N. podium, and Mr. Eban may refer to the Prague trial during the Political Committee's scheduled discussion on Austria.

Israel, again in consultation with Jewish organizations, opposes the Austrian request for the relinquishing of military controls, expressing dissatisfaction that Austria has not equalled Germany's minimum actions in restitution and denazification.

In the Ad Hoc Committee tomorrow, Mr. Eban will not devote more than scant paragraphs in answering the Arabs' rehashed juridical and historical arguments. This will be a reference to Paragraph 11 of the U.N. resolution on Palestine on responsibility for refugees.

After five years, delegates have heard all the arguments in which both sides are skilful. But in keeping with the desire of the majority of nations for a new start Mr. Eban will paint a broad picture of the development of conditions in the Middle East for peace and not war. He may suggest amending the six-power resolution submitted yesterday to substitute a U.N. mediator for the P.C.C., which is appointed by the big powers, and thus eliminate a possible excuse for Soviet opposition or the chance of the Arabs hiding behind the P.C.C.'s skirts.

Meanwhile, the Arab threat is combated and the Israelis are working intensively in Washington to secure American arms to match the weapons the Arabs are receiving under British treaties. They are also asking for American intervention in London to stop Arab rearmament.

## Defendants Accept Sentences

**VIENNA, Thursday. (UP). — Czechoslovakia today sentenced 11 of her former leaders to death and three to life imprisonment. This was the verdict of the biggest Communist trial since the purge of the "old Bolsheviks" in the USSR in the 30s.**

Prague Radio said that all the defendants "accepted" their sentences, thus apparently eliminating the possibility of appeals to the Supreme Court and paving the way for early executions.

The presiding judge, the Prague Radio commentator stated, said the accused could seek advice from their defence lawyers and appeal if they wished to do so. After a short whispered conversation between the accused and their lawyers the prisoners stepped forward in turn and stated in monotonous, lifeless tones that they accepted the sentences and would not appeal.

The trial was the first since the rise of the Nazis in which the Jews and Zionism were openly attacked. It apparently signals the start of even greater purges and trials throughout the satellite countries and will serve as a springboard for more accusations of espionage and sabotage directed at the West. The trial also seems to solve the mystery of the American brothers, Herman and Noel Field, who vanished without trace in 1949.

Throughout the trial the 11 Jewish defendants, most of the witnesses and those named in court were described as Jews. Slansky's entire "conspiracy" was said to have been a "Jewish bourgeois nationalist" plot.

The President of the court, Jaroslav Novak, mentioned that Slansky, Frank and Reicin had during the Second World War provided the enemy with information, a charge which had not been mentioned before.

Those sentenced to death were: **Rudolf Slansky**, 51, former Secretary General of the Communist Party and "chief engineer" of the coup of February, 1948. He was arrested exactly a year ago after being "kicked upstairs" to the post of Vice Premier. Like ten of the other defendants he was described in the indictment as a Jew. His original name was Salzmann.

**Bedrich Geminder**, 51, also a Jew, was former deputy to Slansky. He was personal secretary to Georgi Dimitroff when the late Bulgarian Premier was leader of the Cominform. He later became Czech delegate to the Cominform. Reputedly the "grey eminence" of the Czech Party, he was said to have been the Kremlin's chief agent in the country.

**Vladimir Clementis**, 50, former Foreign Minister, a Slovak intellectual who followed Communism all his life. He was removed from his post in March, 1950, and denounced at Party congresses. While his "self-criticism" was not accepted, he was given a job in the National Bank until his arrest in January 1951. Clementis succeeded the late Jan Masaryk as Foreign Minister and is believed to be one of the few men who knew the facts of Masaryk's mysterious death.

**Andrei Simone**, 37, a Jew, born Otto Katz, former editor of "Rude Pravo," official Party newspaper, and leading Czech propa-

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### Prague Radio Refers To Knesset Debate

The Prague Radio commentator yesterday referred to the Knesset discussion of th Prague trial as a "Provocative debate in which Communist and Mapam members "actively intervened."

He said that Mr. Meier Wilner had effectively replied to Mr. Menahem Begin, who was elected by the "fascist Irgun Zvai Leumi." Mr. Wilner had confirmed Mr. Mordecai Oren's guilt, the radio claimed, and added that the reactionaries were so upset by his speech that the Speaker of the House ordered the Communist member to leave the Knesset.

## E. German Papers Launch Anti-Payments Drive

By GEORGE LICHTHEIM,
POST Correspondent

LONDON, Thursday. — The anti-Zionist campaign started in the Prague trial is now spreading to Eastern Germany, where Communist newspapers have launched a concerted drive against the West German-Israel Reparations Agreement.

The campaign takes two forms. On the one hand it is argued that the agreement merely camouflages the persistence of "Fascist" tendencies in West Germany. On the other hand, it is suggested that Germany is providing a means for America's policy of consolidating its hold in the Middle East by bolstering Israel. By a further twist, this American policy is described as being aimed at Britain and the Arabs.

There has been no sign as yet that the hunt for Zionist "agents" has been extended to East Germany, but three committees have been appointed to look into the past of doubtful members of the Communist Party and that may be the first step. German observers believe that the campaign's tone suggests that in addition to the above-mentioned motives, the regime has been genuinely mortified by the Federal Government's initiative in clearing Germany's reputation and would like to counteract the effect on world opinion.

(See Column Six)

## Repercussion of Prague Trial in East Germany

BERLIN, Thursday (Reuter).— Former East German State Secretary Paul Merker has been arrested in connection with the Prague treason trials, the German-language paper "Neue Zeitung" said here today.

It said Merker had been arrested by East German state security police after several of the accused in the Prague trial had said they maintained connection with "the Trotskyist Merker." The arrest was also reported by the North-West German radio.

Merker, who was a member of the East German Politburo, was relieved of his secretaryship in September, 1950, for "cooperation with a Western spy organization." He was not arrested but worked as a barkeeper in a state-owned inn.

### 'Jews Have Always Been Plotters'

The Jordan press commented editorially on the Prague trials for the first time yesterday, when "A-Diffa," under the headline "The Spoiled Jewish Nature," wrote that the trials revealed only one more link in the century-old chain of Jewish plotting against nations, religions and human institutions in general.

## A.Z.C. Says Prague Trial Held to Stir Anti-Semitism

NEW YORK, Thursday (JNA). — The American Zionist Council, in a statement condemning the Prague trial, said today it was being enacted "with the aim of arousing anti-Jewish and anti-Israel hatred in the satellite states of the Soviet empire.

"The injection of the classic libel of an international Jewish conspiracy has been built up on elaborate trumped-up evidence in order to stir the dark currents of anti-Semitism throughout Eastern Europe."

At an emergency meeting of the Executive of the Zionist Federation of Gt. Britain and Ireland, tonight, the Prague trial was condemned as "a slanderous and provocative attack upon Zionism and the State of Israel."

A resolution said, "The exploitation of the Jewish origin of the men concerned is a viciously deliberate attempt to stir up anti-Semitism and is bound to have the effect of encouraging reactionaries throughout the world to renew their onslaught on the Jewish people."

Presidents and members of Executives of the undermentioned organizations are hereby invited to attend an

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*A statement to the press will be issued by presidency at 6.30 p.m.*

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## Social & Personal

The British Ambassador, Sir Francis Evans, addressed a meeting of Hatzofeh Lodge at a festive board held at the Lodge premises in Tel Aviv on Wednesday night on the subject of "Anglo-Israel Relations." Special tribute was paid to the late President Weizmann.

The group of U.S. Congressmen who arrived in Israel on Monday left by special U.S. Air Force plane yesterday. They were: Senator Olin Johnston (Dem., South Carolina), Representatives Gerge R. Miller, (California) and their wives, together with five senior officials of the State Department. They were entertained by the U.S. Consul General and Mrs. Tyler at a pre-Thanksgiving dinner on Wednesday night, when a number of leading Jerusalem residents were invited to meet them.

Mr. Benjamin Browdy, member of the Jewish Agency Executive in New York, returned to the U.S. by TWA yesterday after attending the sessions of the Zionist General Council in Jerusalem.

Mr. Amos Freiman was elected President of the Jerusalem Merchants' Association at a meeting of the Association last week. Mr. E. Katz and Mr. A. Boer were voted Vice-Presidents. Others elected to the Executive were Messrs. Buchman, Bein, Hochstein and Drs. Felheimer, Kornfeld and Rastel.

Mr. H.R. Graetz, owner of M. Diamgroff & Co., and Mrs. Graetz have returned to Israel.

At a meeting of the Church of Scotland Presbytery of Jerusalem on Tuesday, the Rev. James Barr, B.D., was elected Moderator of the Presbytery for the coming year.

Mr. Amos Iron, director of the Government Tourist Centre, left by El Al for New York yesterday, on behalf of the Centre in his absence, Mr. Y. Ismiel will fill the post.

Mr. L. Eshkol, Finance Minister, will broadcast over Kol Yisrael at 9.45 on Sunday evening on "The Citizen and the State's Taxes."

The Working Mothers' Organization in Haifa will open its annual bazaar at the Workers' Restaurant Rehov Hechalutz, at 5.30 p.m. tomorrow. Mayor Abe Rhoushy and Mrs. Reba Idelson, M.K. will attend. The bazaar will remain open for seven days.

The annual Spinoza Day commemoration will be held by the Spinoza Society at the Technion in Haifa at 5 p.m. tomorrow.

The fifth national convention of the World War Invalids' Association in Israel will open at the Beit Hahalutzot, 3 Rehov Yalag, Haifa, at 7 p.m. today.

A conducted tour through the exhibition of contemporary French art will be held at 11 a.m. at the Bezalel Museum in Jerusalem tomorrow.

### BIRTH

LICHTENSTEIN — to Judith (nee Gradnauer), wife of Dr. Emanuel Paul Lichtenstein, on November 21, 1952, at the Hadassah Hospital, Jerusalem — a son.

### ENGAGEMENT

WOLFFENSTEIN—SELIGER
The engagement is announced of Daniel Wolffenstein, Haifa, and Alice Selzer, St. Louis, Mo.

### MARRIAGE

LYON—KISSEN
Dr. and Mrs. Ernst Lyon, Jerusalem, and Dr. and Mrs. David Kissen, Whiting, Indiana, announce the marriage of their children Richard M. Lyon and E. Rhee Kissen in Ithaca, N.Y., on Nov. 26, 1952.

### MEIR MARGALIT DEAD AT 55 IN JERUSALEM

Mr. M. Margalit, Secretary General of the Ministry of Communications, died in his Jerusalem home last night. Mr. Margalit, who was 55, had held this post since January 1951. He had previously been Director of the Finance Division of the Ministry of Supply and Rationing and had also served as Chief Accountant and Property Manager of the Ministry of Agriculture.

### SILWAN'S NEW STATUS

The Old City Municipal Council decided on Wednesday to include the village of Silwan (Shiloah) and the nearby valley in the municipal area according to "Falastin." Silwan is sandwiched between the Jewish lines of Mt. Zion and Der Abu Tor.


### JERUSALEM CINEMAS

Rec. at 6.15 & 8.15 p.m.

ARNONA: My Blue Heaven.
EDEN: Scaudy Dubrovenko. Today at 2.45 p.m.: Two Young to Kiss.
EDISON: Tales of Hoffmann (6.15 & 8.30 p.m.) Today at 2.30 p.m.: Wicked City.
OR-GIL: Painting the Clouds with Sunshine. Today at 2.30 p.m.: Room for One More.
ORION: Decision Before Dawn.
STUDIO: That Forsyte Woman (6.15 p.m. for military only; 8.15 p.m. for general public. Today at 2.30 p.m.: Mr. Music Man.
ZION: Tripoli.

### Haifa Cinemas

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## London Sees Israel Economy Stronger

By GEORGE LICHTHEIM, POST Correspondent

LONDON, Thursday. — The publication by the Bank Leumi Le-Israel of a quarterly bulletin on Israel's economic problems is welcomed in financial quarters here. "The Times" financial supplement devotes an editorial comment to the bulletin, remarking that its appearance suggests some measure of consolidation in Israel's economic development.

The writer notes, however, that the Bulletin is itself critical of the lack of detailed information still prevalent in Israel government publications, despite the recent disclosure of the foreign currency budget. The budget does not disclose the intended level of investment and consumption, it was said. It is noted that the Bank criticises the Government's general economic policy, stressing the need for basic changes in price structure and exchange rates.

The Bulletin is described as "a modest production, but the short notes and statistical tables, which may be extended in course of time, are certainly useful and instructive."

## Duty on Parcels Up by 66%

The duty on gift food parcels has been raised from 150 to 250 pruta a kilogram, according to information gazetted on Wednesday. The duty on clothes, coffee, tea and spare parts for machinery has also been raised.

Almost a million kilograms of food gifts are received each month. Of this amount, 600,000 kilograms are sold in "scrip" shops and the duty is paid in dollars. The remaining 400,000 kilograms are sent by parcel post. About 300,000 kilograms of clothes are received each month.

The new custom duties are expected to increase the Treasury's income by IL.4m. a year.

### Israel Money For Festival to U.S.

TEL AVIV, Thursday. — A shipment of Israel coins was sent by air from Lydda Airport recently to the U.S.

The first of a number of shipments of Israel coins to be dispatched from here for distribution to Jewish children in America during the observance of the festival of Lights, the currency is to be used in connection with a nation-wide State of Israel Bonds Chanukah observance on December 14.

## 'ACCIDENT' CAUSED DEATH OF PILOTS

The cause of the death of the two Air Force pilots on Sunday was laid to "an accident during a training flight," according to the findings of the Enquiry Committee, an Army spokesman announced recently. This statement corrects an earlier official report which gave "engine failure" as the cause.

The two pilots were Aharon Goldenberg, 22, of Kiryat Anavim, and Thomas Falko, 21, an immigrant from Hungary.

THE NOVEMBER issue of "Reopen" issued by the Hebrew University, has appeared. It includes articles by Mr. Daniel Auster; the new Rector, Prof. B. Mazar; and the Dean of the Faculty of Law, Prof. B. Akzin.

## US Nears $88,000m. 3-Year Defence Goal

WASHINGTON, Thursday (Reuter). — The United States is expected to reach its goal under the three-year 88,000m. dollar defence programme, the Joint Congressional Committee on Defence Production reported yesterday.

"There is comfort without complacency in the progress which has been made in building up our military strength in these two years," the Chairman, Senator Burnet Maybank, declared in the committee's second annual report.

"The danger of Communist aggression has not lessened," the report said. "There is no reason to let up for a moment in the effort to attain readiness for sudden attack. Our past experiences have taught us that sounds from behind the Iron Curtain intended to suggest that there is no danger of war cannot be so interpreted".

The report went on, "The rates of production of military goods are today several times the corresponding rates of 1950. Total national capacity for the production of goods and services has been increased by more than $10,000m. worth of plant and equipment.

New weapons have been developed and put into production. Our stockpile of critical materials has been substantially increased. Substantial assistance has been given to friendly nations of the free world in their own build-up of military preparedness".

"What remains to be done, however, is quantitatively greater than what has already been done," the report said.

### Shitreet Helps Sell Bonds in New York

Crowding an important speaking engagement on behalf of State of Israel Bonds into each of his first 10 days in the U.S., Minister of Police Behor Shitreet was credited with fostering a sale of more than $800,000 in Bonds since his arrival, it was learned yesterday.

The largest single sale of Bonds by Mr. Shitreet was made on November 23 where his appearance before a Sephardic group in New York City was responsible for the sale of $400,000 in Bonds. It represents by far the greatest sum ever mobilized for Israel causes by the Sephardic community of New York City. The banquet honoring Mr. Shitreet and subsequent events by the group on behalf of Israel Bonds was the first united activity by the total Sephardic community in the city.

Last week Mr. Shitreet, accompanied by Deputy Inspector-General of Police Nahmias, addressed audiences in Buffalo and Syracuse.

### Grave to be Opened

ACRE, Thursday. — The grave of Ida Kaufmann, who died suddenly at the beginning of this month at the age of 28, will be reopened on the order of the Coroner.

She was buried before a death certificate had been handed to the police. A doctor certified here that death was due to poisoning, but he did not inform the police.

## Ancient Cemetery Found in Haifa

HAIFA, Thursday. — An ancient burial ground with three skeletons, believed to be over 2,000 years old, has been discovered in the Kishon area, the Mayor, Mr. A. Khoushy, and the curator of the Haifa museum, Mr. A. Rosh, announced here recently. In one grave a number of excellently preserved large urns was found. Each urn was sealed by a smaller jar in its mouth and originally contained food for the dead, it is believed.

The graveyard, of the Late Bronze Age, stretches over a large 10 dunam area. Two graves were found one and three quarter kilometres apart, which suggests that settlement of the area was extensive. The skeletons are in reasonably good condition and the teeth suggest that they were of young men.

A large bronze needle for netmaking, of a design used today, was also found on the site. It is believed that the ancient inhabitants of the area were fishermen.

### Hamilton's Dig

The site, known as Tel Abu Hawan, had been previously excavated by Hamilton in 1922. It was then found that the upper stratum dates back to Persian times of 60 B.C.E. and that the area was not inhabited after that period.

Hamilton did not discover the burial ground and the present find is considered very important, as a graveyard represents an archaeologist's happy hunting ground.

When the first grave was found, two and a half months ago, the Government's Antiquities department was immediately informed, but an expert was not sent until now.

### EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

JERUSALEM: Goulo, 14 Rehov Gedaliah, Ezra, 20 Hanahlim, 5221. TOMORROW: Ahronovich, 21 King George, 4973, Kerem Avraham, 21 Terumot, 2910. TEL AVIV: Mishkovit, 60 Shenkin, 3163, Mishkolinsky, 7 Ben Yehuda, 3171. Siegen, 43 Herzl, 6795, Ben Yehuda, 148 Ben Yehuda, 64316, Ziva, Hashava Qr., 67485. Al Kassel (Jaffa) 68 Rehov 4. TOMORROW: Altman, 1 King George, 3791, Ahad Ha'am, 21 Ahad Ha'am, 3811, Assuncal, 34 Ben Yehuda, 3168, Rosilio, 241 Dizengoff, 63487, Epstein, 18 Herzl, 1325, Hashiva, Hashava Qr., 67484, Yafo (Jaffa) 19 Rehov 4, 66798. TOMORROW EVENING: Bohi, 17 Allenby, 4553, Tibra, 61 Ben Yehuda, 3887, Abra, 165 Dizengoff, 6717, Mishlin, 112 Allenby, 3253, Hashiva, Hashava Qr., 67484, Yafo (Jaffa) 19 Rehov 4, 66798. RAMAT GAN: Harel, 24 Herzl RAMAT GAN TOMORROW: Rassar Gan, 51 Bialik, GIVATAYIM: Beisl, 7 Rehov. GIVATAYIM TOMORROW: Magen ago, Pica Brigade, HAIFA: Bromberg, 29 Herzl, 3295. International, 39 Arzanoff, 2084. TOMORROW: Oriental, 87 Herzl, 3211, Wadi Nisnas, 20 Khorl, 6197, KIRYAT BIALIK, today and tomorrow: Bialik, 7239, Mt. CARMEL, tomorrow: Markus, 130 Pica, 4979.

## Religious Services

Shabbat begins in Jerusalem at 5.20 p.m. today and ends at 5.16 p.m. tomorrow

WEEKLY PORTION
Vayetzei (Genesis 28.10 — 32.3)
Hebrew Hours 11.7 — 12. 12

### JERUSALEM

Yeshurun Synagogue: Tonight 4.30 p.m. Sermon: Prof. Rivlin. Tomorrow: Shabbat, 8.30 a.m.: Minha, 12.45 & 4.30 p.m.: Arvit, 5.45 p.m.

Beth Ya'akov (Bais Rabenu): Tonight 4.30 p.m.: Tomorrow: Shabbat, 8.30 a.m.

Ashkei Israel Congregation, Sephardic Orphan Home, Jaffa Road: Tomorrow at 8.30 a.m. Youth Service with Congregational Singing. Sermon: Dr. Hamel Kestien.

Jerusalem Baptist Congregation: Organ Recital, Bible Study 10 a.m. Hebrew Service and Lesson, 8 p.m.

### TEL AVIV

Beth Israel (94 Dizengoff Road): Tonight, 4.40 p.m. Tomorrow: Shabbat, 8.15 a.m.

Ezel Shivat Zion (47 Ben Yehuda St.): Tonight 4.30 p.m. Tomorrow: Shabbat, 8.30 and 8.15 a.m.: Minha, 12.30 & 4.30 p.m.

Ezel Shivat Zion (L. Straus St.): Tonight, 4.30 p.m. Tomorrow: Shabbat, 8.30 a.m.: Minha 4.30 p.m.

### HAIFA

Beth Israel (Persian House): Tonight: Minha, 4.40 p.m. Tomorrow: Shabbat, 8.15 a.m.

Beth Israel (Sh. Canad): Tonight: Minha, 4.40 p.m. Tomorrow: Shabbat, 8.30 a.m.: Arvit 7 p.m.

### SUNDAY

### JERUSALEM

English Mission Hospital Chapel — Anglican Episcopalian (next to Nahmani & Co.): H.C. 6.30 p.m. (Preacher Canon H.S.L. Jones): M.C. 7.30 p.m.

St. Andrew's Church (Rehov Masaryk): M.E. 10 a.m. Rev. H.L. Minard, assisted with Y.M.C.A.

Zion Christian Mission (Prophets St., near Rav Kook St.): Sunday, Combined Service at Y.M.C.A., 7.30 p.m. Rev. Wm. L. Hull.

Combined Evangelical Services (Y.M.C.A. Lecture Hall): 7.30 p.m. All welcome.

Catholic: 6 a.m. (Grotto, Hospice Chapel): Languages: German, Italian, English, French: 7 a.m. Terra Santa Chapel, Languages: English, French, German, Italian. St. Pierre de Rose (Ratisbonne): Languages: French, Arabic, English, German, Hungarian, Hebrew Portuguese: 8 a.m. German Hospice Church: 8 a.m. Jesuits Chapel (near King David Hotel): Languages: French, Polish, English, Italian: 9 a.m. St. Pierre de Rose, 10 a.m. Terra Santa College. Notre Dame de France (St. Paul St.): 8.45, 7.30 p.m. Languages: French, English, German, Italian.

### TEL AVIV & JAFFA

Anglican Church (Episcopal) in the Church of the Scots German Colony (off 19 Rehov 4): H.C. 7.30 a.m. M.E. 10 a.m. E.S. 7 p.m. Preacher: Rev. R.O. Allison, P.O.B. 2771.

Church of Scotland: M.E., 10 a.m. (St. Peter's Church): E.S., 7 p.m. (Talpiot School).

St. Peter's Church (Catholic), Jaffa: Mass 7 a.m. Weekdays 6 a.m. Languages: French, Italian, Spanish.

French Hospital: 5 p.m. Weekdays 6 a.m.

St. Anthony's Church (Street 4): 8 & 10 a.m. & p.m. Weekdays 7 a.m. Languages: Arabic, English, French, Italian.

### RAMLE

Church of St. Nicodemus (Catholic) (Tours Souza Convent): 7 & 9 a.m. Weekdays 7 a.m. Languages: Arabic, English, French, Italian, German, Spanish.

### HAIFA

St. Luke's Church: Mount Carmel, near Yiur St. (Anglican Protestant Episcopal): H.C. 7.30 a.m. M.E. 10 a.m. E.S. 6.30 (P.O.B. 1797).

Scandinavian Seamen's Church (Norwegian): (P.O.B. 1302), Rev. Per Faye Hansen. Lutheran Services in Scandinavian, German & English: E.S. 7 p.m. Tuesday: Bible Study, 8 p.m.

### NAZARETH

Nazareth Baptist Church (near Mary's Well, Tiberias Rd.): M.S., 11 a.m. E.S. 7.30 p.m. Thursday: Bible Study 7.30 p.m. D.L. Baker, P.O.B. 39.

Annunciation (Catholic) (Terra Santa Convent): 5.30, 6.15, 7, 8 & 9.30 a.m. Weekdays 5.45, 6.15, 7 & 8 a.m. Languages: Arabic, English, French, Italian.

### TIBERIAS

Church of Scotland: Saturday: 3 p.m.: Sunday: M.S. 11 a.m. Rev. James Barr, A.D.


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## Where to go

### JERUSALEM

9-4 (also tomorrow): Jerusalem Biblical Zoo, Romema. Bus 15. Feeding time 2.3 p.m.

9-1: (tomorrow 10-1): Exhibition: Contemporary French Works of Art, donated by the artists and art-lovers of France, and other recent acquisitions and gifts. Victor Hugo, Designer. On the occasion of the 150th Anniversary of his birth. Chinese Art From the Collection of the Museum. Exhibit of the Month: "The Dancer," sixth drawing by Edgar Degas (1834-1917). Recent acquisitions of the Museum. Bezalel Museum.

9-1: (tomorrow 10-1): Archaeological Exhibition. Also temporary exhibitions: Recent acquisitions; Dept. of Antiquities, 31 Rehov Shlomzion Hamalchi.

10-5: (also tomorrow): Rembrandt's Tombs.

10-1: (also tomorrow): Exhibition of Oils and Gouaches by Elisha Sigard. Artists House.

8.30 p.m.: "Music to Inspire" (Rozenfeld). Manuscript "Le Cid" Ballet Suite (Massenet); "Symphony No. 39 in D" (Haffner). Y.M.C.A. Auditorium. Doors will open fifteen minutes ahead of the time of the programme.

### TEL AVIV

10-1: (also tomorrow): National Exhibition, over 200 painters and sculptors from all over the country. Museum.

10-1: 4-7: The Art Gallery of Tel Aviv Artists 1932/52, 9 Rehov Alharizi.

### HAIFA

10-1: (tomorrow 10-1) 4-6): Collective Exhibition of paintings, drawings, prints and sculptures by Pinchasher, Ephraim Markus, Ardstein, Schwerin—Municipal Museum, Town Hall.

### TOMORROW:

### JERUSALEM

11 a.m.: Rozenfeld Music Hour—Haydn: "Symphony No. 101 in D" ("Clock"); Chopin: "Concerto No. 2 in F Minor."

9 p.m.: First concert of Israel String Quartet. Beethoven Sextet, Y.M.C.A., Jerusalem.

### TEL AVIV

6.30 & 9 p.m.: "Pick-Up." Chamber Theatre, Mograbi Hall.

7 & 9 p.m.: Mozart Concert—Mozart: String Quintet, Brahms: String Sextet.

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| LINE NO. | ROUTE | FARE (IN PRUTOT) Day Service (5 a.m.-8 p.m.) | Former fare | Night service 8 p.m.-5 a.m. | Former fare |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Kiryat Moshe—Commercial Centre (the entire route) | 35 | 30 | 50 | 40 |
| 2. | Pagi Qr.—Rehov Jaffa (the entire route) | 35 | 30 | 50 | 40 |
| 3. | Tel Arza—Rehov Shlomzion (the entire route) | 35 | 30 | 50 | 40 |
| 4. | Katamon—Rehov Jaffa (then entire route) | 40 | 35 | 50 | 40 |
| | Rehov Jaffa—Rail. Station (the entire route) | 35 | 30 | 50 | 40 |
| 5. | Rehov Gaza—Rehov Shlomzion (the entire route) | 35 | 30 | 50 | 40 |
| 6. | Talpiot Immigrants Camp—Central Post Office (the entire route) | 50 | 45 | 60 | 50 |
| | Post Office Bldg.—Geulim School | 40 | 35 | 55 | 45 |
| | Post Office Building—Railway Station | 35 | 30 | 50 | 40 |
| 7. | Ramat Rachel—Rehov Jaffa (the entire route) | 65 | 55 | 80 | 65 |
| | Rehov Jaffa—Arnona—Talpiot | 50 | 45 | 60 | 50 |
| | Rehov Jaffa—Abu Tor Qr. (Station) | 35 | 30 | 50 | 40 |
| | Rehov Jaffa—Cor. Geulim School | 40 | 35 | 55 | 40 |
| 8. | Mekor Haim—Tanered Lane (the entire route) | 50 | 45 | 60 | 50 |
| 9. | Tanered Lane—Cor. Railway Station | 40 | 35 | 50 | 40 |
| 10. | Rehov Jaffa—Ein Kerem (the entire route) | 65 | 55 | 80 | 65 |
| | Bet Hakerem—Ein Kerem or return | 50 | 45 | 60 | 50 |
| | Bayit Vegan—Ein Kerem or return | 40 | 35 | 50 | 40 |
| 11. | Givat Shaul—Mea Shearim (the entire route) | 35 | 30 | 50 | 40 |
| 12. | Rehov Jaffa—Bayit Vegan | 45 | 35 | 55 | 40 |
| | Rehov Jaffa—Bet Hakerem | 40 | 35 | 55 | 40 |
| 14. | Histadrut Bldg.—Givat Shaul B. (the entire route) | 35 | 45 | 60 | 50 |
| | Histadrut Bld.—Kiryat Moshe | 40 | 35 | 55 | 40 |
| 15. | Katamon—Mekor Barukh (the entire route) | 65 | 50 | 80 | 65 |
| | Katamon—Egged Station | 40 | 35 | 55 | 45 |
| | Kiryat Shmuel—Katamon or Mekor Baruch—Rehov Shlomzion | 35 | 30 | 50 | 40 |
| 16. | King George Ave.—Neve Sha'anan (the entire route | 45 | 40 | 55 | 45 |
| | Rehov Ramban—Neve Sha'anan | 40 | 35 | 50 | 40 |
| 17. | Barclays Bank (West)—Kfar Menahem | 75 | 65 | 90 | 75 |
| 18. | Histadrut Bldg.—Ha'Mamil (the entire route) | 60 | 55 | 80 | 65 |
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| Haifa | 22 | 12 | 17 | 15 |
| Zichron Yaakov | 20 | 11 | 16 | 13 |
| Tel Aviv Port | 21 | 15 | 20 | 20 |
| Lydda | 21 | 13 | 20 | 20 |
| Jerusalem | 21 | 10 | 19 | 21 |
| Beersheba | 24 | 10 | 20 | 21 |
| Dead Sea | — | 16 | — | — |
| Tiberias | 24 | 13 | 21 | 21 |
| Forecast—A: Cloudy to fair. B: Sunday—fair. | | | | |

**FOR CROSSING INTO JORDAN** without a permit and bringing a wife back from there, a Bedouin of the Talalka tribe was remanded in custody yesterday by the Beersheba Military Governor on charges of harbouring an infiltrator.

**ABOUT 25** tons of cattle fodder went up in flames in Zikron settlement near Ramle, on Wednesday night. Damage is estimated IL.400.

**TWO SHOTS** were fired at a kiosk owner, Mr. Shlomo Tomashevitch, 35, in Sderot Rothschild, Tel Aviv, on Wednesday night. Mr. Tomaschevitch was not hit.

**28 RESIDENTS** left the country for settlement overseas in the s.s. Filippo Grimaldi on Wednesday. They included, 13 to South America, five to Canada, two each to Britain, Germany and Greece, one to Australia and one to Italy.

**TWO YOUTHS** aged 13 and 14, who broke into the house of Moshe Ben Hamo in Beersheba yesterday afternoon and stole IL.400 in cash, were detained later in the evening. One youth has reportedly confessed.

**A SAILOR** of the m.s. Tamar deserted the ship in Rotterdam, her master told Haifa port police yesterday.

**AN EXHIBITION** of the medal services in this country will be open to the public from Sunday at Habimah Hall in Tel Aviv from 3.30 to 5 p.m.

**STUDENTS WHO** have studied medicine or dentistry abroad and who wish to complete their studies in Dentistry, have been asked to write to the Committee for the Foundation of a Dental School of the Medical School of the Hebrew University, P.O.B. 1283, Jerusalem.

**THE NEW Bank Leumi** branch in Mount Bank will be open from 8.30 a.m. till 12.45 p.m. daily and in addition afternoons from 3.30 till 5.30 p.m. on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

### SAMARITAN'S CROSS LINE TO SETTLE HERE

Thirteen Samaritans from Nablus crossed the lines into Israel at Mandelbaum Gate yesterday morning to join their relatives in the small Samaritan community in Jaffa. They were part of a larger group who, at the last minute, withdrew their applications to enter Israel, stating that they preferred to stay in Nablus. Most of the persons who crossed yesterday were women and children.

### MOSLEMS CELEBRATE PROPHET'S BIRTHDAY

Moslems all over the world will celebrate the Prophet's birthday tomorrow, the 10th of Rabia el Awal. In the Old City's Dome of the Rock, the story of Mohammed's birth will be related. Mosques and minarets of the Old City are to be illuminated for the occasion. Arab broadcasting stations will broadcast special birthday programmes.

### Conscience Bothered Me Foreman Told Police

"I have decided to reveal everything because my conscience bothers me. I want to finish with the past and turn over a new leaf," M. Crystal, former Jerusalem Municipal foreman, told the police last December, according to a statement read out in the Jerusalem District Court yesterday.

Crystal, together with S. Neuman, Director of the Canalization Department, and S. Kahane, a contractor, are accused of having conspired to supply Municipal labour to the contractor. The three are also charged with having caused "a public mischief" in using substandard cement.

According to the statement made to the police after his arrest, Crystal also admitted to having asked Kahane for money, because the contractor was "getting all the benefit of work that Municipal labourers did for him." Crystal was then given IL.8 by Kahane and later received additional sums, the statement read.

Judge S. Toumin-Cohen is conducting the trial.

## Shilansky Was Ready To Plead 'Guilty'

TEL AVIV, Thursday. — Dov Shilansky was prepared to plead guilty in the District Court here when the trial opened this morning provided the charge which stated that he carried a bomb in building number 19 of the Foreign Ministry compound at Hakirya on October 5, was changed to read "in the courtyard of the building". The prosecution agreed to change the charge into "carrying of explosives" without mention of the precise locality, reserving the right to bring this point up after conviction, but before judgment. The defence declined.

The tiny courtroom of Judge M. Kennet was packed to capacity with a queue of persons outside who wanted to hear the proceedings. Mr. E. S. Shimron, Director of Public Prosecutions, and his assistant, Mr. E. T. Cohen, who acted for the State completed presentation of the case in two hours today. The four police sergeants who were on duty when they allegedly caught Shilansky with the time bomb containing three kilograms of T.N.T. were all the prosecution needed to establish the charge of carrying explosives.

### Searched in Building

Mr. S. M. Tamir, the defence lawyer, dwelt at length in his cross-examination on the fact that when Shilansky approached building number 19 of the Foreign Ministry, which contained part of the department dealing with German reparations, he had passed the main entrance and was about to turn into the courtyard, when he was hailed by one of the sergeants who asked him "where are you going?" Shilansky then turned about and entered the hallway of the building, where he was searched.

The defence wanted to indicate that the accused had meant to deposit the bomb in the courtyard where, according to testimony of a demolition expert heard today, it would not have caused much damage had it exploded.

M. Tamir, in questioning Sergeants D. Lidbovitz, S. Frenkental, S. Shpilner and Z. Nissim, and their superior officer, Mr. R. Saporta, indicated that they, the best-known officers of the C.I.D. branch here, were placed at the spot where Shilansky was caught since they knew in advance that he would come.

On the same mornings, there were police detachments near the Prime Minister's offices as well as those of the Ministry of Finance, but none of them was composed of only NCO's. The witness denied the assumption, and the Judges parting words to Mr. Tamir before he adjourned the hearing till tomorrow, were "do you mean that the police knew about Shilansky, with the latter's knowledge?"

## Mandelbrot Is Paranoic, Psychiatrist Testifies

HAIFA, Thursday. — Dr. Z. D. Winnik, a psychiatrist and director of the Talbieh mental home, testifying in the District Court today in the defence of Zalman Mandelbrot 36, who is on trial for the murder of a fellow worker in Kfar Ata, said the man had a paranoic personality and had committed the crime "in a state of twilight." This state might last for hours or days, turning its victim into an automaton. He considered certain persons as his enemies, and believed he had a right to kill them for justice's sake. Mandelbrot also suffered from baseless and morbid suspicions and "moral masochism," manoeuvring himself into the position of the wronged victim. He talked himself into failure, as proved by his suicide attempts and his proneness to accidents.

The shooting was intended as a punishment and not revenge, and resulted from a desire to finish off his enemies and himself. The disease was very rare, occuring only once or twice in a hundred cases. The accused was not present during the evidence at Dr. Winnik's request.

### Contractors Charged With Workman's Death

REHOVOT, Thursday. — Ya'acov Isbitsch, whose body was recovered 60 hours after he was buried in a cesspit in Rishon le-Zion last week, did not fall in but was lowered down by the contractors, it was revealed today. Reuven Nudelman and Israel Rosenberg, the two Rishon contractors, were remanded in custody for five days by the Rehovot magistrate on police charges of causing Isbitsch's death by negligence.

## Grandparents Help Toy Fund Along

Contributors to *The Jerusalem POST* — Sa'ad Toy Fund range from tiny tots, who solemnly donate their pocket money, to grandparents who enjoy spreading "Hanukka gelt" as widely as possible. One grandmother, Mrs. Golda Myerson, Minister of Labour, added the human touch in her latest directive to the Department for Ma'barot: would they please share toys and sweets, received through Materials for Israel, among needy children in the camps.

Mr. Fred Monsonis, of Boston, gave IL.20 in the name of his seven grandchildren. Other gifts were: the Van Leer Industrials, Ltd., IL.150; and "Anteragus," IL.50, these bring the total received to IL.866.880. (List on Page 7)

### 44959 Wins IL.2,000

TEL AVIV, Thursday. — At the Payis lottery drawing today, 17,600 persons won prizes ranging from IL.2,000 to IL.1. The winner of the biggest sum was number 44959; IL.1,500 was won by number 22000.

Other winnings included IL.1,000 by numbers 13091, 12388, 127345, 142220, 54987, and IL.500 by 00206, 20400, 02254, 141270, 12548, 72478, 48,163, 101071.

## Settler Dies of Wounds; Marauder Killed in Hills

REHOVOT, Thursday. — Mr. Yekutiel Haderman, who was shot by marauders in a settlement in the Judean Hills last night, died of his wounds in a hospital today. Mr. Hederman, who arrived in Israel from Czechoslovakia three years ago, leaves a wife and child.

A marauder was shot dead by guards in one of the Judean Hills settlement last night. Three of the gang of four escaped after they were apprehended entering the barn situated in the centre of the settlement. The body of the fourth, dressed in a British Royal Air Force coat, was found at dawn.

## Driver Killed When Lorry Overturns

HAIFA, Thursday. — A lorry driver, Avraham Malbi, was instantly killed, and Yitzhak Malbi seriously injured when their lorry overturned into a ditch on the Wadi Ara road between Mishmar Haemek and Manat Ma'barа yesterday afternoon. Both men were members of the Tel Yosef kibbutz.

### 120 J'lem Teachers Strike for Salaries

One hundred and twenty teachers, representing all Trends, have gone on strike this week in Jerusalem, because they have not received any wages for the last three months and because the Municipality owes them 20 per cent of their wages since March, a teacher's spokesman told *The POST* yesterday. Previously, the Government had paid 80 per cent of the teachers' salaries of all schools in Jerusalem. This has now been cut to 70 per cent, but the Municipality has not only refused to pay the difference, but has also stopped paying the 20 per cent which had been paid by them before, the spokesman said.

### Inquiry Begun Into Alleged Mission Theft

A preliminary inquiry into the alleged theft of clothing and food valued at IL.1,500 from the Hebrew Evangelisation Society, Inc. began in the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court on Wednesday.

The accused is Mr. Yitzhak Arye Degani, 32, of Jerusalem, the Society's chief clerk. In its investigations, Police charged Mr. F. Stanakis, head of the Society, but later withdrew the accusation.

Mr. M. Even-Tov is the Examining Magistrate. The accused is represented by Messrs. M. Caspi, P. Rabinowitz, and I. Toussia-Cohen. Mr. M. Friedman appeared for the Police and Mr. N. Brand as an observer for the Society.

### MORE ARRESTS MADE IN 'QUIET' BAGHDAD

Baghdad remained quiet yesterday and the night curfew has been shortened by an hour at each end, AINA reported. During the day "dozens" of members of the World Peace Movement were arrested.

### Heller Favours Broader U.S. Zionist Council

Rabbi James Heller, President of the Labour Zionist Organization of America, in a statement to *The POST* yesterday strongly denied charges that his group had opposed the broadening of the American Zionist Council.

Rabbi Heller said that his group "favoured heartily and still favours the programme proposed, and shall do our utmost to implement it. We trust that all other groups will approach the task in the same spirit."

### STUDENTS PROTEST

At a stormy meeting last night the Hebrew University Students Association denounced the anti-Zionist and anti-Semitic angle of the Prague trial. The sensation of the meeting was the speech of the Mapam poet, Haim Guri, who dissociated himself from the official stand of the party.

## Four Win T.A. Prizes For Literary Works

TEL AVIV, Thursday. — The Tel Aviv Municipality's annual Tchernichovsky Prize for outstanding translations into Hebrew from scientific and literary works was awarded tonight by Mayor Israel Rokach to Professor Shimon Halkin, Mr. Menahem E. Wolfovsky, Mr. Moshe Katz and Mr. Baruch Karu (Krupnik).

Professor Halkin, lecturer in Hebrew Literature at the Hebrew University, was honoured for his translation of works by the American poet Walt Whitman, notably "Leaves of Grass."

Mr. Wolfovsky, a writer, poet and veteran farmer, translated Pushkin's and the Turgenian's short stories.

Mr. Katz, a retired teacher, received the first prize for scientific work for his translation from Arabic of the letter of Rabbi Yehuda Ibn Kariah, written 13 centuries ago. The translation retains the ancient flavour of the original by the use of an archaic Hebrew style.

Mr. Karu, a literary critic and editorial member of "Haboker," received his prize for the one volume translation of the short version of Dubnov's Jewish History. The prizes totalled IL.1,000.

## SHARETT SPEAKS TO PIONEER YOUTH

TEL AVIV, Thursday (ITIM). — Standing on the steps of the Habimah Hall here this evening Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett addressed a gathering of representatives of "Hatnua Hameuhedet," the Mapai scout movement, on the achievements of pioneering youth, and criticised Mapam and that party's youth movement. The young people gathered here to celebrate the movement's seventh anniversary.

Mr. Sharett called on the Mapai youth to undertake pioneering activities so as to fashion the future of the people and the State. It was not in vain that the organization bore the name of the "United Movement," he said.

Referring to Mapam, he said: "Has here arisen a bitter fate one to...? Yes, one before you a blundering movement, uncomfortable in its internal contradictions, strangling itself and full of internal strife: a movement which bears the name "United" in vain. This is the unhappy movement which carries its supporters towards chaos."

### HISTADRUT TO SUGGEST TAX LAW CHANGES

TEL AVIV, Thursday. — A special committee was established by the Trades Union Department of the Histadrut at its meeting here today to draw up proposals for changes in the income tax law. The suggestions are to be presented by the Histadrut to the Government. The meeting also discussed a draft law, to be presented to the Knesset by the Ministry of Labour, on the settlement of industrial disputes.

## PRAGUE

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gandist. He was entered in Western Intelligence lists as a full-time Cominform agent. He told the court that he wanted to be hanged.

**Ludvik Frejka**, 48, a Jew, born Ludwig Freund. He was economic adviser to President Gottwald. He was chief architect of the two-year and five-year economic plans, the failure of which may have been one of the real reasons for the trial. His son in East Germany asked that Frejka be hanged.

**Josef Frank**, 43, Czech peasant who became deputy to Slansky and member of the Politburo.

**Rudolf Margolius**, 39, a Jew, former Deputy Minister of Foreign Trade. He was accused of charging the U.S.S.R. four times the prices asked of the West. His real crime may have been "adopting a hostile attitude towards the Soviets" with whom he negotiated.

**Otto Fischl**, 50, a Jew, former Deputy Minister of Finance and Ambassador to East Germany. While in the Finance Ministry he was so severe with Jewish emigrants that the Irgun Tzvai Leumi put a price on his head.

**Otto Sling**, 46, a Jew, born Schlesinger, former party chief in the Brno region. Of all the prisoners, he alone seemed defiant. He was described by the official Czech commentator as "impudent, cynical and boastful." His arrest in November, 1950, led directly to most of the bigger names being involved in the trial.

**Karel Svab**, 48, Slovak peasant who became Deputy Minister of Security and chief of the Secret Police. He ordered the police to stand by during the coup of 1948 and later directed the raids on opposition parties.

**Bedrich Reicin**, 41, a Jew, born Friedrich Reisman. A corporal in the Soviet Army in 1942, he became a Lieutenant General, Deputy Defence Minister and chief of Czech intelligence.

The three who escaped with life imprisonment are all Jews:

**ARTHUR LONDON**, 47, believed to have been born Kohn, or Alex Gerhardt, former Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and responsible for the Ministry's appointments.

**VAVOR HAJDU**, 38, son of a well-to-do and also one-time Deputy Foreign Minister. He spent the war years in the West.

**EVZEN LOEBL**, 42, Deputy Foreign Trade Minister. He has been under arrest since November 24, 1949, and his immediate and full confession had helped to trace the rest of the accused. This was taken as a mitigating circumstance.

The President of the five-man Senate of the Court said, in pronouncing sentence, that in view of the dangerous and criminal conspiratorial work of the accused the Senate had decided in the name of the Republic to inflict merciless death sentences on all but three of the prisoners. In the latter cases, he added, the work of the accused had not been done on their own initiative but on the instigation of others. London, especially, had worked for a short time for the "gang."

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## U.N., Israel Sign Technical Aid Pacts

UNITED NATIONS, Thursday, (INA). — The Director-General of the U.N. Technical Assistance Administration, Mr. Hugh L. Keenly, and Mr. Arthur Lourie, Israel U.N. delegate, yesterday signed two supplementary agreements on technical assistance.

The agreements provide for 28 experts to advise the Israel Government in various technical fields. Under the first agreement, three experts will advise on hydraulic development, three on petroleum exploration, one on mining and utilization of peat, two on paper manufacture, five on textiles, one on plastics, four on metallurgy, one on photogravure, one on rehabilitation of the blind and one on economic stability.

The second agreement provides for the composition of the World Meteorological Organization in sending to Israel four experts on radio echo-ranging equipment, micro-climatological requirements, indoor climate research methods and techniques of upper air analysis as applied to weather forecasting.

### Police Guard Session of Indonesian Parliament

DJAKARTA, Thursday (Reuter). — Police guarded Parliament today as it met for the first time since October 17 when 5,000 demonstrators, including army officers, demanded its dissolution.

Problems that have piled up since the demonstrations, which came after the Parliament's criticism of the Army, include the deposing of territorial commanders in Macassar and Palembag by officers under their command.

### U.S. DOCKERS BACK

NEW YORK, Thursday (Reuter). —Dock workers who staged a one-day strike in protest against a State crime probe involving some union leaders were back on the job today. Police said there were no reports of any stoppages today, though only a few piers were busy on the Thanksgiving holiday.

The First Concert of the Israel String Quartet

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will take place tomorrow night at 9 at the Y.M.C.A., JERUSALEM.

## Cables in Brief

**DEATH**—Professor Abel Lefranc, well-known French historian and literary critic, died in Paris on Wednesday at the age of 84. He was one of the foremost authorities on 16th century history and the author of an important study of Rabelais.

**URANIUM**—Sir Charles Dorman-Smith, premier of Eritrea's almost century divided, revealed in London on Wednesday that rich uranium ore deposits have been discovered near Nkana, northern Rhodesia, a few kilometres from the Belgian Congo border.

**FIRE**—Twelve tonnes of a total load of 1,000 tonnes of tobacco in Virginia, were destroyed when warehouses and sheds burned down. Five tramps got there on Wednesday night.

**JEWELS**—The Egyptian Government has decided to sell ex-King Farouk's jewels and antiques treasures. The royal palaces in to be opened to the public. Admission costs 200 mils.

**EUCALYPTUS**— Australia is sending an expert to Iraq to prepare for the planting of eucalyptus trees on the request of the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization. It was announced in Canberra yesterday.

**SOLIDARITY** — The Speakers of the Persian Majlis has asked the nations to observe tomorrow as a holiday to express support for the "anti-imperialist movement of our Iraqi brethren."

**SNOWSTORMS** — About 16 people were counted dead and hundreds injured as snowstorms whipped by icy wind blasts swept across the American Middle West for the third successive day yesterday.

**STRIKE** — Mr. William O'Dwyer, U.S. Ambassador to Mexico, has resigned, for the former Mayor of New York City, he has recently been under attack because of the discovery of graft, during corruption in the city during his administration.

**WRITERS.** — A delegation of Soviet writers and artists left Moscow yesterday by air for London to take part in a British-Soviet Friendship Month, TASS reported. The delegation included the writers Konstantin Simonov and Konstantin Fedin.

**MISSION.** — An Amerasia Students Mission headed by Secretary of Commerce Charles Sawyer, which is on a month's tour of European countries, arrived in Madrid by air yesterday for a four day visit.

**CONSTITUTION.** — In a special Cabinet session yesterday, the Egyptian government decided to set up a committee of 100 prominent lawyers to draft a constitution for the country.

**VISIT.** — King Paul and Marshal Papagos, Greek premier, greeted the President of Turkey, Celal Bayar, on his arrival at Athens yesterday for a five-day state visit.

**EXECUTIONS.** — Major Laslo Bolai, of the Yugoslav secret police, and four Hungarian associates, who were convicted for kidnapping and espionage, were executed on Wednesday in Budapest.

**ORLANDO.** — Vittorio Orlando, Italian statesman, author and jurist, last survivor of the "Big Four" who framed the Versailles Peace Treaty, was reported last night to be seriously ill. He is 92.

### UNESCO TO APPOINT BODET'S SUCCESSOR

PARIS, Thursday (Reuter). — The General Committee of the UNESCO conference has decided to recommend the appointment of an interim director-general to fill the post of Dr. Torres Bodet for the next five months, usually reliable sources here said today.

M. Bodet gave up the job as a protest against cuts in the UNESCO budget. The conference accepted his resignation yesterday and the committee met today.

No statement was made after the meeting but it is believed that a plenary session will be called for Monday.

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## POWER FOR THE PRESIDENT

CHAIM Weizmann, the first President of Israel dignified the office and while he was its incumbent the question of the powers of the presidency hardly arose. He stood for so much in himself and it was fitting that his last years should have been spent in symbolic representation of Israel's sovereignty and nationhood. No figure comparable to his is to be found among the great men of Jewry and even those who can claim approximation were self-excluded from presidential candidature for a simple reason. The dignity of the office alone cannot atone for the denial to its holder of an effective part and active rule in the service of the State.

This paradox has already led to one unhappy conclusion. Mr. Gurion's suggestion to Dr. Albert Einstein that he allow his candidature to go forward was a symptom of perplexity. Since the office of the President, in accordance with existing practice, does not confer on its holder any real powers, the holder would have to be a personage who would dignify the office by reason of the world eminence he had attained. Once this was conceded then Albert Einstein was a logical suggestion.

But can the dignity of the State of Israel really permit such a situation? As a State, and apart from experts, we must sustain ourselves from our own human resources and the President should come from our own citizen body. We have our Prime Minister and the Cabinet, our heads of parties and our legislators; men who are considered competent to discharge the duties of government — among them all can surely be found one worthy to preside over the nation.

But the paradox in the Presidency still persists. According to the Small Constitution the President's powers are formal and nominal. He has the right to appoint diplomatic and consular officers (which he does only on the advice of the Government) and to receive foreign diplomats. He exercises the prerogative of mercy, and when a coalition breaks down or there is a crisis in the composition of the government, he intervenes with heads of parties, largely in a mediatory capacity. Such powers can only attract men who have retired from the active struggle for their ideas. Those who are ambitious to achieve, to make changes, to mould the pattern of the future, will still take their chance in office or in opposition.

The obvious course is an amendment of the Small Constitution to give the President some real power within the State. Men become great through the exercise of great duties and therefore greatly seek the opportunity to discharge them. What then should the duties of the President of Israel be? The American model would not suit us here, as our constitution, unlike that of the United States, provides that the government be part of parliament and directly responsible to it. Nor have we a second chamber to review and check legislation. The president then, in addition to his present duties, might well be given powers which would provide some system of checks and balances acceptable to a democratic people. He could be given the right to preside at Cabinet meetings if he desired, he could have a temporary suspensory veto over legislation enabling him to defer the passage of a Law for a given period or send it back to the Knesset for reconsideration. Higher appointments to the Judiciary should be within his province. He should be given the right to address the full Knesset on defined matters of state. With these or other modifications, let Israel not be afraid to give any President chosen from the people by the representatives of the people some voice in the destiny of the people.

### Farmers, Grove Owners Discuss Efficiency

TEL AVIV, Thursday.— Farmers and citrus grove owners met at Hadera and Rehovot this afternoon, at two special conventions called by the Farmers' Federation in conjunction with the Productivity and Efficiency Institute of the Ministry of Labour, to discuss improved methods of citrus picking.

In Hadera, Mr. Pinchi Naphtali, Minister of Agriculture, spoke on the importance of increasing citrus exports. He stressed the need for more efficiency in the transportation system which, he said, must have top priority. In Rehovot, Mr. Yosef Efrati, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, said that prices must be fixed in order to hold the cost-of-living index down.

THE WORKING WEEK — By S. Eliahu

# Prague Trial Shocks Nation

THE nomination of the candidates for the presidency, the officially non-existant Government crisis, the effects of the de-rationing of textiles and footwear — everything was pushed into the background by the dark shadow of the Prague trial this week.

Day after day, hundreds if not thousands of immigrants from Czechoslovakia listened to Prague radio's recordings from the courtroom. Every newspaper had its monitoring service, as had most "HashomerHatzair" kibbutzim, two of whose members, Mordecai Oren and Shimon Orenstein, were paraded as witnesses in the trial.

For the Israel listener there were four elements involved: one was the so-called anti-Titoist purge conducted during the trial. This in itself should have been of no special concern to Israel, just as other similar purges in Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria and Albania never drew too much attention here.

Another was the general offensive against Zionism, the official ideology of the State, though the Government coalition has in the past included non-Zionist parties. It was only natural that Israel felt itself involved in a trial which denounces Zionism as a criminal offence.

### Legal Status

It may be of interest that Zionist organizations in Czechoslovakia remained legal for almost two years after the Communists seized power there in February 1948. During the War of Liberation Czechoslovakia was one of the main sources of arms and supplies and even served as a training ground for volunteers to the Israel Army. There was a standing joke in Czechoslovakia at that time relating how when a group of high-ranking Czech officers came to inspect the military airfield near Zatec, the main airlift base to Israel, the guard at the gate called up his commander saying that there were some guysim there and should they be let in...

The Prague trial also denounced Israel's diplomatic representatives in Czechoslovakia as intelligence agents, and held two Israelis who entered Czechoslovakia legally with Israel passports, as witnesses to these hostile activities. Here, the State of Israel was officially and inconvenciently involved, just as any country whose official representatives are declared spies and whose nationals are held incommunicado by another country.

According to the old bourgeois-liberalistic theory of international relations, when a State issues a passport to one of its citizens, it implicitly assures him of sustenance abroad, and the country stamping its entry visa into that passport tacitly admits this right of the issuing country.

A Ministry for Foreign Affairs spokesman disclosed in Jerusalem that Israel's official representatives were not permitted to see the detained Israel citizens at any time.

Besides attacking Zionism and Israel as such, the word "Zionist" served as a transparent substitute for the word Jew in the Prague trial though the term "Jewish bourgeois" was used no less often, for the benefit of those who would perhaps fail to understand what was, in fact, meant by the word "Zionist".

### Challenge to State

It was this element which presented the greatest challenge and responsibility to Israel. For the first time since the establishment of the Jewish State, Jewish origin was listed, if not as a crime in itself, at least as an aggravating circumstance, and in connection with the word "bourgeois," a crime in itself. For the first time, Israel was called upon to fulfil the basic historical task, for which it was created — to defend the Jew who is persecuted because he is a Jew.

The Government statement read by Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett at the beginning of the one-and-a-half-day debate on the Prague trial in the Knesset did not fail to concentrate on this aspect of the issue, though the Foreign Minister began his statement with a general attack on communist mock trials in the past.

"It says it's cold comfort to him in his warbara to hear himself called a bourgeois capitalist."

The trial in the Pankrac courtroom heightened the internal crisis in Mapam. "Al Hamishmar," the party paper, published a resolution of full close leaders Oren in International, the attacks on them are unjust. But there was no denunciation of the trial itself. Through this seemed a compromise between the Stalin-Slitis line of completely agreeing with Prague and the Bar Yehuda-Abdat Avoda line of denouncing the entire trial, no such compromise was in fact achieved in the party itself, and many observers believed that the trial of Oren and Orenstein which may follow the Slansky trial may well split Mapam.

Accordingly, Mapai speakers in and outside the Knesset did their best to point the differences of opinion in Mapam and to widen the split. Judging by the reaction of the rank and file of the Ahdut Avoda wing as well as the leadership of Hashomer Hatzair as printed up in yesterday's "Al Hamishmar," Mapai seemed to have achieved the opposite effect: under strong fire, without members started underlining their party loyalty, thus increasing coherence within the party.

### Power Improved

Fortunately for the hundreds of Jerusalemites who spent three hours every night monitoring Radio Prague, the power supply in the Capital did not fail even once during the week. The improvement came as soon as the strike in the Shimshon plant ended, though there was still about two weeks' work before Shimshon's generators could be connected with the Jerusalem network.

It is understood that the final solution to Jerusalem's electricity problem is the amalgamation of the Jerusalem company with the Palestine Electric Corporation (Rutenberg). Agreement in principle has already been reached for the P.E.C. to take over the Jerusalem Electric Corporation in exchange for shares in the P.E.C., but final details have still to be worked out. If the two companies join forces, they will continue to operate as separate entities for some time, but the country-wide supply will be more efficient.

Construction of the line linking the P.E.C. grid with Jerusalem was begun in 1947 when, following agreement between the two companies and the Mandatory Authorities, a 22,000-volt line was built from Ramle to Ma'ale Hahamisha. This was partly destroyed during the War of Independence, and the only part which could be repaired was the stretch from Ma'ale Hahamisha to the pumping station at Sarig. Capacity was however reduced from 22,000-volts to 6,000-volts. In recent months the line was again rebuilt for 22,000-volts.

As a temporary solution to the Jerusalem shortage, current will be obtained from four of the eight generators being set up at the Shimshon Works. When the factory begins production, however, all power generated there will be required locally, and none will be available for the Capital. By that time, however, the Jerusalem Company should have put its generators into running order again, pending the amalgamation and the ultimate linking of Jerusalem with the P.E.C.'s country-wide grid system.

### Also This Week

Because of the predominance of the Prague trial little attention was paid to the fact that this was the first week without hostile and destroyer patrolling. Nicosaids reported only a slow improvement of the market, going by the customary rises in the hostile broadcasts to the rebel bogey and people started buying winter shoes, fabrics, etc. In general, standard on the same level as before, sharp-eyed gunnies changing the old official price.

The Economic Council, discussing the issue of devaluation and rationing, recommended further discussion of expenditure, and suggested that only petroleum, guinea and cement remain rationed.

In the Ministry of Commerce and Industry officials have meanwhile begun to study the possibilities of abolishing rationing and control in the remaining regulated fields.

Most likely to be de-controlled next is the heavy metal industry though there were some indications that in the heavy industry there might also be some lengthening of restrictions, and the partial abolition of general controls was also brought up. There were otherwise recommendations for the ending of controls on food, too. The Economic Council recommended the de-rationing of poultry and bread fish. Other items likely to be de-rationed are cereals, flour and coffee. Under any circumstances, basic commodities are expected to remain rationed or at least price-controlled.

As the week ended, however, a fresh blow fell on the tired housewife's head on that part of it that purchases items subject to the whim of fixed parents. The import duty that was raised by fifty percent from 100 to 150 prutas per kilogram, which in the past year, was again increased by 67 per cent this time to 250 prutas per kilo.

## MESTROVIC'S 'MOSES' AT BEZALEL

A marble head of Moses, gift to the State of Israel from Yugoslav sculptor Ivan Mestrovic, was presented by Dr. Dusan Bradic, Yugoslav Minister to Israel (right) to the Minister of Education, Professor Ben-zion Dinaburg, (at left) in the courtyard of the Bezalel National Museum on Wednesday. With them is the Museum's Director, Mr. Mordecai Narkiss. Photo by Schlesinger

# Readers' Letters

### OUR RESPONSIBILITY

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — The urgent note struck in the speech of the Minister of Education (in your issue of November 21) should have a wide echo among all sections of the population.

To my mind two points stand out most forcibly: — The first one is contained in the Minister's sentence: "If we do not have sufficient secondary schools, where will our doctors, teachers, public officials, engineers, army officers and the like come from?"

Considering the appallingly small number of matriculants is it not paradoxical that some of the secondary schools through their own or affiliated youth movements are influencing the matriculants-to-be to join the agricultural settlements? No one denies even for a moment the urgent need of more young people settling on the land, but if the secondary school graduates are to provide these settlers, where will our doctors and engineers and the rest come from? Would it not be more useful in the end to direct and help this handful of matriculants to become our future leaders, scientists and administrators?

Furthermore, could not our Army Authorities defer army service for a larger number of students so as to avoid interruptions in study? So many give up the idea of further study after two-and-a-half years of army service!

The second point is the one concerned with "the flagrant public neglect" of our Institutions of Higher Learning. Surely a way could be found of exerting moral pressure on all concerned to remedy this disgraceful state of affairs.

If we cannot voluntarily improve matters, the Government should, in the last instance, introduce some sort of compulsory education tax for our, and this country's, sake.

Yours etc.,
MICHAEL GAIR.

Haifa, November 23.

NOVEMBER 29, 1947, IN RETROSPECT

# Five Years of Statehood

By A Special Correspondent

FIVE years ago a resolution passed by the Assembly of the United Nations engraved a deep inscription on the tablets of history. It was the statute which heralded the recognition of the Jewish people's long struggle for nationhood and which set up the framework for the Jewish State which was to be brought into being in the spring of the following year.

The circumstances in which the resolution was adopted were extraordinary. For nearly two years an obdurate British Foreign Secretary had been trying by force to implement policies he did not understand against a people he did not like in a context which the inexorable march of history could not tolerate. At last, in something between desperation and a vain hope to justify himself negatively by the failure of a larger body to do better he referred the whole matter to the United Nations. In those days, which seem so strangely remote from the perspective of the present, the collective wisdom and moral sense of the nations could still comprehend a situation and enough unity was still there to grapple with the problems presented and to struggle towards a solution.

### Arab Threats

But even at the Assembly on November 29, 1947, which set up the framework of a truncated Jewish State there was an ugly aftermath. From the Arab League came a voice at the very Assembly threatening fire and slaughter, bloodshed and rapine against the embryo Jewish Republic. It was an historic challenge for Britain. At that moment she could have redeemed herself by stating firmly and simply that now that the United Nations had decided, she, too, would insist upon full and peaceful implementation. Instead she, like the United Nations also for that matter, was mute while the creaky machinery of feudal war geared itself into action in the Arab States. She was mute in malice when the attack was launched against the United Nations' decision by act of war. But in the end Israel emerged as a nation — at a cost which brought bereavement to thousands of families in the land. The War of Independence gave Israel a self-confidence which has carried her through hard, anxious and perilous times. Without the series of victories over the encircling neighbours massed together we would never have been certain of our strength or our ability to ward off aggression. The world lost by the mapping of the moral foundations of the United Nations. Had Britain risen to the moral occasion she might have been more confident and independent today and might well have been the moral rallying point for neutral nations who could perhaps have made a bridge between the East and the West.

The years have healed a little since those days. Today a cordial relationship exists between Israel and Britain. How deep it goes only actions and not words can show. Moreover action to ensure the free passage through the Suez Canal of peaceful goods destined for Israel, somewhat less readiness to supply jet planes to Egypt and a more impartial attitude in the administration of trade between Israel and herself in the benefit of both would speak much louder and more clearly than lofty words and nods and smiles and wreathed smiles of mutual admiration. But Israel's past is too long to exhibit of so much retrospect. Let us look steadfastly to the future and let old quarrels die.

### U.N. Opportunity

However, exactly at this quinquennial anniversary — in what small quotas of years do we still measure the history of modern Israel — a new opportunity presents itself to the United Nations for some moral contribution through decisive action. Ambassador Eban has put forward a clear and detailed plan for the attainment of peace between Israel and her Arab neighbours. The aim of Israel would be full and peaceful relations between Israel and the Arab States, joint efforts to conquer deserts, the re-establishment of communications and the solution of security questions together.

Concurrently the Political Committee is considering the six-point plan sponsored by Canada, Denmark, Ecuador, the Netherlands, Norway and Uruguay. This urges direct negotiations between Israel and the Arabs, negotiations which, in the words of Israel's representative, should promise well because "on every occasion that Israel and the Arab States have met there has been agreement." In spite of the impossible conditions for acceptance immediately propounded by the Arabs, it is doubtful how long they would persist in their intransigence if they were really convinced that this time the Assembly meant what it resolved and was determined upon carrying it out.

## Wits and Things

AS a rule, people don't sympathise very much with the internal organisational difficulties of political parties. They are such big, frantic, bustling concerns, heaving masses of incoherent matter, constantly changing shape and weight in the flux of national and international affairs. What can one miserable vote achieve?

Yet we may drop a tear for a particular hardship that is bringing down Blue Britain in ruin. Politics being an ideological matter, those in the same party have peculiar affinities which may, in the event of the sexes being mingled in administration, develop beyond philosophical agreement to a stage where matrimony is the only solution. One branch of the Yorkshire Young Conservatives is in the strange situation of having watched all its officers and members marry each other, so that it has in fact married itself out of existence. Two other branches have temporarily stopped for the same reason.

All this shows what a serious century we live in. Lovers formerly exchanged vows in Venetian gondolas, or under the arches of Covent Garden market in the small hours of the morning, or upon wild summits of uplifting mountains. Now the thrilling touch of finger and finger sets the latest pamphlet vibrating, and the sturdy qualities of manhood turn blushing charmer into willing bride by repelling the heckler from the soap-box with adamantine oratory — or so one might think, if one didn't know that the chief activity of the Young Conservatives is organised entertainment.

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F.A.O. Reports Increased Shortage of World's Staple Food

# The Hungry Rice-Eater

By G. M. GREEN

First shipment of rice from China to Ceylon is checked by Ceylonese representatives. Hsinhua Photo (Peking)

LONDON.—SIXTY per cent of the world's population live mainly on rice, or would if they could get it. How many of them — outside Burma and Siam which feed their people well before selling to others — have had a square meal of their favourite food since the war is a doubtful and depressing question.

Such is the supremely important fact insisted on in the newly published report of F.A.O. — the United Nations food and agricultural organization.

Although in 1951-52 the agricultural production of the whole world was two per cent above that of the year before, this increase was chiefly in fibres and rubber, not — with some exceptions, such as milk, oils, fats and sugar — in food. "The need of the world for more food, so strongly pressed at the last conference of F.A.O." says the report, "has not begun to be met."

### Populations Grow

What is particularly disheartening is that although the land under rice has greatly increased — the total of about 210 million acres in 1950-51 was a record — the rice produced is increasingly scarce, due to infertile soil and lack of water in Asia. The average yearly production of rice between 1934-38 was 144,800,000 tons. In 1950-51 it was 139,800,000 tons. The increase in 1951-52 may be some 900,000 tons, but that is by no means certain.

Meanwhile India's population rises by five million a year and Japan's by 1,800,000; Ceylon's has increased since the war by two million. Plainly the available rice per head is declining.

There is some consolation in the increase of wheat grown and now eaten by people (notably in India) who once would not look at it. But the F.A.O. finds that, in what it calls "underdeveloped areas," the tendency towards consumption of cereals and starchy foods still means an inadequate supply both in quantity and quality.

In Ceylon, the F.A.O. speaks of a considerable deficiency in calories and under-nourishment in daily meals. In India the daily consumption in many families is under two thousand calories a head, and in some families under one thousand five hundred.

India, however, is for the moment better off than she was. In 1951, she imported 4,700,000 tons of food grains and at the end of the year her accumulated stocks were enough to give hope that her requirements this year may be very much smaller. Her plans for increased cultivation aim at producing an additional seven million tons of food grains by the 1955-56 season. If this is realized, says the F.A.O., it should cover the increase of her population. But while the Rungai harvests promise well, those of the United Provinces are the reverse. And there is always the danger of the monsoon failing, and of locusts.

### Locust Menace

The abnormal plague of locusts this year from Somaliland across the Middle East and India was well enough fought to have had comparatively little effect on crops. But the F.A.O. warns that much new infestation has been reported and unless the anti-locust campaign continues to be fought unstringly, particularly in Africa and India, grave losses in crops must be expected.

The combined rice needs from abroad in 1952 of Japan, India, Malaya, Ceylon, Pakistan, and others are estimated at 4,000,000 tons. By F.A.O.'s calculation there may be even less from Asia's chief granaries to meet this need than in 1951.

It is feared that Siam's export of rice may drop from 1,250,000 tons last year to only 1,000,000 owing to unfavourable rain, transport difficulties and, in particular, to the Siamese Government's new policy of discouraging.

In Burma, a quarter of the old rice fields in the Irrawaddy delta are still the jungle to which they reverted during the war. Burma's normal export of rice has been about 1,250,000 tons in the past fifteen years, but the F.A.O. official predicted whether it will be as much this year. Indo-China once exported 500,000 tons of rice, but expected last year, though by how much is not yet known.

### Aid From China

While world prices of Southeast Asia's food commodities have been falling, the price of rice (averaging nine pounds sterling a ton before the war) has risen to almost incredible heights. From fifty-five pounds to eighty pounds a ton, according to quality, is now the usual price, but competition is so keen that, the F.A.O. says, 45 much as one hundred pounds a ton has been paid both in Burma and Siam.

It is possible that China may help in time. Last March the Chinese Government, urgently appealed to by Madras for rice, refused to send even a ton. Yet in May this year the Chinese signed an agreement with India to send her one hundred thousand tons of rice; and in October another with Ceylon for eighty thousand tons to be paid for with rubber. Since the civil war ended in China in 1949, the Chinese peasants have shown all their well-known recuperative power. But Peking is so much actuated by political considerations (and she has such heavy bills to settle with Russia) that China's future contribution to Asia's food supply is mere guess-work.

(OPNS)

## Russian Undersea Tunnel Reported

TOKYO (DANA).

REPORTS of an undersea tunnel between Siberia and Sakhalin are receiving Japanese attention who recently returned from Sakhalin brought back information that the Russians were carrying on excavations under the strait, which is only 30 miles wide at its narrowest point.

Other fishermen returning from Sakhalin said that the narrow-gauge railroad there is being changed to broad gauge, probably to enable trains from Siberia to cross the Tatar Strait to Sakhalin.

The fishermen were captured by the Russians last September and interned before being sent back to Japan.

## Truman Swamped with Business Offers

By STEFAN ANDREWS

WASHINGTON, (JANA).

President Truman has been deluged with offers, some startling so high as $1m., for his services after he leaves the White House. The White House staff, it was learned, is assembling a complete file of the offers for the President's personal inspection. The bulk of offers made on January 20. These range from writing and lecturing to broadcasting and appearing in radio and television programmes. Mr. Truman has declined public comment.

Mr. Truman may not have to wait for a living after he resigns out of office, since he is believed to have saved a considerable part of his salary, but he may prefer to do so.

While the President would prefer a non-commercial position of some kind, his close friends believe that he may be tempted to become a commentator on public questions. Some others in the latter category "run into money quite smoothly" as Irving Berlin, Broadway composer, Assistant Press Secretary.

The chief obstacle to Mr. Truman's accepting a business offer is not a question of money, but his own desire about the propriety of such a job. In the past he has always turned down offers to write or comment on the ground that he was a public official.

But since he is retiring completely from public life, he may be tempted out of this position by offers from the offices. President-elect Eisenhower, the only living ex-President, never accepted a business position after he left the White House. He has been in retirement for the last 32 years.

The Republican President was, however, a relatively wealthy man. The story is widespread, which Mr. Truman has repeatedly refused to confirm is that Mr. Hoover was so well off that he never accepted a salary during the time he was President, but donated it over to charity.

LESSONS IN DEVELOPING NATURAL ADVANTAGES

# Tiberias' Opportunity Neglected

By a Special Correspondent

TIBERIAS is today as in biblical times a health-resort, and it has all the natural conditions for becoming a first-rate one: the lake with its constantly changing colours and opportunities for swimming and every sort of water sport; the warm springs with their healing qualities; historical sites and modern villages in the vicinity; a winter-climate which is exceptionally mild and attractive.

The town has two natural industries: tourism and fisheries. Development in Tiberias can be successful only if it is focused on both. Modern communications have made the surrounding kibbutzim less dependent on the town than they were two decades ago. It is in fact a sign of changing times that the kibbutzim have become one of the important employment-sources for the neighbourhood: more than 800 people from Tiberias have found work in the agricultural settlements.

### Initial Boom

Tiberias has had its share of the immigration-boom of the last few years. Public works were started on a large scale to give employment to immigrants. Roads were built or improved and afforestation work inaugurated. New housing projects went up. The tourist seasons found full hotels and pensions, and more than that: expansion of facilities was meant to bring in immediate returns, and as guests were ready to pay whatever was asked, many hotels cared nothing for price-control or calculations of profitability. In short, Tiberias experienced a boom similar to other places in the country, only more so.

### Unfinished Installations

Nevertheless the ambitious project did not materialize according to plan. Apart from the long-term plans for a health-resort for 70,000 people, the re-building of the hot springs is not yet finished. In the offices of the company there is a picture of the big hotel which is to be erected adjacent to the new baths. This needs only the internal fittings to be finished and could be ready for use in four or five months. But there is not enough money, and the marble-pillars which support the big central hall stand somewhat desolately among the wooden slates which are to form the partitions of the bathing-cabins. A first-class hotel in the town which has more bookings than it can handle for the winter season would like to build a new wing or even a new house but cannot find the necessary capital.

Except for the hotels, however, Tiberias is simply not tourist-minded. There is not one shop downtown which could attract tourists. They have no place to go except the hotels and the few little restaurants at the lake-shore where you get very tasty fish.

If you talk to the old-timers in Tiberias who have all the secrets of the tourist-trade at their finger tips, they all point to one central fact which impedes the development of the town into a big health-resort: the composition and character of the new population. They understand perfectly that the erection of more and better hotels is only one condition among many for a successful health-resort: the whole town must be made to understand that tourism is the industry of its existence. Nahariya developed into a health-resort because of the determination and known-how of its inhabitants. Tiberias could do as well and better if it had a more progressive population.

Unemployment in Tiberias is felt as it is everywhere in the country. But here it is perhaps more threatening than in other places because many new immigrants lived on public works even during the employment-boom or found other ways and means of keeping body and soul together. The town has long been famous for its black market, and a family with a low standard of living can make ends meet by selling some of its rations and by bringing in food from the neighbourhood to resell on the sly. There are people in the town who have not worked a single day in two months and still keep going although there is no unemployment insurance. What is perhaps even more important, only a relatively small number of those working have found economically sound jobs. Public works are at best only a temporary solution. Those who work in the kibbutzim are of course helping production, and so is the fishing-cooperative, made up mainly of Bulgarian immigrants who share the lake with the kibbutzim. But experiments in training people for hotel-service have not been successful, and generally speaking training-courses have not been welcomed by immigrants with the necessary enthusiasm and understanding. In many cases even the most elementary conditions for training — the three R's — are lacking.

### Recovery Slow

It is, of course, easy to point to the initial error of bringing to the town thousands of people who were unable to contribute to the development of a modern health resort. That the people are there is a fact however, and they must be made to adapt to existing conditions. Neither does it help to point to the second mistake — that of enabling people with a low standard of living to exist by working some 12 or 15 days a month on public projects. This mistake is now beginning to be rectified everywhere by the Government's lack of money.

Going back to economic realities by genuine budgeting in every enterprise, and by payment in accordance with economic performance will be a slow and difficult process all over the country. It may be even slower and more difficult in Tiberias where naturally favourable conditions have not been exploited on a scale essential for the genuine absorption of immigrants who are still outside the production process.

# War Among the Cold Rocks

By PATRICK O'DONOVAN

U.N. Advanced H.Q., KOREA.—THE longest and most savage engagement of the Korean War is still being fought on the central front. In the flurry of meaningless place names, in the muddle of daily communiques, and in the stream of excited reports of victories and defeats that mean no more than another hill won or lost, the significance of this major clash between the Chinese and the United Nations is almost lost.

It began on October 14, when United Nations forces attacked a group of hills lying a few hundred yards in front of their line. Since then, one hill has changed hands seven times, and another 12 times. The crests have been beaten to powder in almost endless artillery duels, and though the South Korean Division now commands the most important crest, the issue is still undecided. In this sort of war there can be no final decision — except, perhaps, for the men scrambling among the cold rocks.

### Military Jobs

Sniper's Ridge (whose most important feature is Pinpoint Hill) and Triangle Hill, are what staff officers have called them; there is a smaller hill, called Jane Russell, between them — these names provide the usual, simple, military jokes that hide the ugliness and the suffering. They are very typical Korean hills: their sides are steep and rocky and scored with ravines; they lie in sharp ridges, jagged against the sky and they bristle with wiry trees — trees that are today stumps on the brown, wet hills under the icy winter wind.

Overshadowing the two ridges stands the huge, spreading mountain that is known as Para-San. This is the Chinese Gibraltar, riddled with galleries and caves which can keep whole companies of infantry safe from the heaviest shelling, until they are needed. This is the impregnable base from which the Chinese counter-attacks were launched.

It has been a strange battle, more like the murderous trench raiding of the First World War, where an advance of a few hundred yards meant a victory (and a long casualty list), than like the swift, clean battles of Europe or Africa in the last war. The United Nations forces attacked for all the old trench warfare reasons: to straighten their line, to deepen their defence, to eliminate enemy positions overlooking their lines of communication, and to frustrate Chinese plans elsewhere.

The result was costly. At least three Chinese divisions were involved, and they were badly hurt. Conservative estimates of their casualties in the 20-odd days of fighting put the figure at more than 16,000. Two United Nations divisions suffered severely; the majority of their casualties occurred as the men lay on the ground and endured the enemy's artillery fire. For in this tedious, see-saw fighting it is the guns that rule the battle.

### Korean Divisions

Perhaps the most remarkable feature of the battle was the behaviour of the South Korean Divisions. They proved themselves more than a match for the Chinese, and had the same angry courage and the same taste for fighting with grenades. But the pattern was monotonous; as soon as the artillery barrage stopped — and sometimes while it still continued — an attack was launched up steep hillsides to the crest, where the Chinese waited battle-pics of hand grenades and explosive charges. When the Koreans held the ridges it was the same, in reverse. United Nations forces used more than 30,000 hand grenades in the month's fighting.

The Chinese preferred to attack by night; each night planes dropped parachute flares that lit the slopes with a cold light. There was no time for wiring or for elaborate digging. Concentrated within narrow boundaries, it was almost as vicious a battle as man could make even though it can have no major effect on the outcome of the war. But it has proved that mass bombardment by the Chinese, and their wave attacks, can be held — if we are prepared to pay the price.

### File of Wounded

This morning it was almost quiet. From a South Korean battalion commander's dug-out one could see no movement, no weapons, although thousands of men were watching from the mottled sides of Para-San and the white pinnacle of Sniper's Ridge. It was like watching a busy artillery range. Shells landed regularly, sending up slow clouds of dust and filling the air with leisurely noise. Sometimes it was Napalm (petrol-jelly shells or bombs) with a brilliant orange flash at the base of a grey-green cloud of smoke.

Sometimes aeroplanes dived out of the sky and the Chinese positions cracked with answering small-arms fire as they dropped their bombs. All the time, telephones rang in the little earthy pit and the crowd of Korean officers, dressed like Americans, smiled in a tired way and marked their maps. Three wounded men off the hill walked past, tied up with rags. They were part, but not the end, of a long procession.

(OPNS)

### RIGOURS OF WINTER COMBAT

KOREA, (UP). — The young soldier, like thousands of other Americans here, has had his first taste of Korean winter. It is already bitterly cold here at night, and it will be much colder in the weeks and months ahead. The recent first snow was a mild example. The third winter of combat in Korea promises to be just as cold and possibly bloodier than the last two, when temperatures for a week were still below zero.

In dangerous positions close to the enemy, G.I.'s already are using home-made "shmeissers" to fight the cold. They take a little saucepan and burn it in a can in their foxholes, or they take kerosene, put it with it, and burn that. They carry it in their pants to take out to their posts.

There are not enough stoves to go around, and endurance runs in four areas are making small ones out of 81-millimeter mortar cases, with howitzer shell cases for chimneys.

Toughest problems of the winter is hot food. Last year every man got one hot meal per day, but now the enemy fire makes it too dangerous to serve hot food at many outposts.

# Coastal Police on the Watch

GEOGRAPHICALLY speaking, Israel consists of a long coastal plain with little hinterland. Along the 200 kms of its seashore there are many desolate stretches of dunes, forming ideal hiding places for smugglers and infiltrators. It is therefore not surprising that great stress is laid on the flotilla of fast boats that patrol Israel's shores.

Last week I took part in a routine patrol. Accompanied by two other ships, each equipped with ourselves with two diesel motors, we sped out of the harbour. Our boat was well furnished, with each cubic foot space utilised for comfort as she sometimes stays "at sea" for two or three days at a stretch. But for the machine guns and other weapons on deck one might imagine that one was on board a luxury launch.

### Suspicious Ships

A sudden call from the coastguard at Rosh Hanikrah set us off in hot pursuit of a suspicious looking vessel entering Israel territorial waters from the Lebanon, which on seeing us thought better of it and turned tail.

Next we spotted in the distance a tug carrying a large cargo. Running up the flag to signal that we were police and were coming aboard, we made straight for her. She was carrying a load of timber, and as she appeared suspicious, our commander sent a wireless message to one of the 'water fleas' (so called because of their speed and diminutive size) to come and pick her up. Only a very few minutes elapsed before she was being escorted to port for investigation.

### English Boats

The little patrol artillery employed by the shore police are mostly of English origin and were used during the Mandate to catch illegal immigrants. Now they pursue infiltrators and smugglers in our coastal waters. Catching infiltrators in this way is not easy. Small craft generally leave ports in the Lebanon late in the afternoon, and try to land at uninhabited beaches. Most of them are discovered by the patrol boats' searchlights, the boats confiscated and later sold in Haifa. Income from this source amounts to between IL. 600 and 800 a month.

Smugglers do not seem to fare much better. Ships carrying hashish and other narcotics from Lebanon to Gaza and Egypt are intercepted in Israel territorial waters. Narcotics are very difficult to locate, often being carried in rubber tubes attached to the undersides of the ship and trailing through the water.

### Fishing Rights

Other regulations checked by the shore police include fishing rights. There is not only the problem of violating fishing rights, but the method of fishing employed. Frequently fishing smacks carry dynamite to make their job easier. This they detonate overboard, stunning the fish which come to the surface and are easily caught. The snag is that the spawning grounds are thus often destroyed. It is however extremely hard to catch offenders, for on seeing a patrol boat they immediately throw the dynamite overboard, unused. Fish with inflated bodies found among a catch, are regarded as circumstantial evidence and the fisherman concerned may be arrested.

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Police board a Rumanian ship during a routine inspection. Photo by Herz


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By KENNETH HARRIS

GENERAL Eisenhower's visit to Washington to hold a secret conclave with President Truman has left a feeling of anti-climax, if not of disappointment, behind it.

Millions of Americans, in spite of having had millions of words of guidance on the subject from their newspapers, had not grasped the fact that, according to the American Constitution, it was impossible for the President-elect to do more than "sit in" on the policies and decisions of his predecessor, even if he wanted to. Eisenhower will not have any power over or responsibility for American policy until January, yet millions of Americans half-expected him to say something after his meeting with Truman which might have a bearing on, say, policy in Korea. Now that he has said no such thing, they are wanting to know what was the point of going to see Truman in the first place.

This is a fair question, for, in fact, the point of Eisenhower's visit was meant for everybody else but Americans. It was meant to reinforce the explanation by America's diplomats and politicians to the rest of the world that although the Democrats were coming out and the Republicans were going in, American policy will remain constant.

### Strained Atmosphere

No reporter had direct access to the meeting between the President and President-elect, but members of the White House staff have said that the meeting began in a somewhat strained atmosphere. There was every reason why it should. Both these men had said things about one another in public during the election campaign which in other countries might have produced an action for libel or a challenge to a duel. What they said in public was nothing to what they said in private.

The meeting ended, however, in a friendlier spirit. And that, too, is easy to believe. Both men are simple, hot-blooded and pugnacious, and such men are the quickest to shake hands and forgive.

A lot has been said about the expression on Eisenhower's face when he came out of the President's study after the hour-and-a-quarter's secret briefing. He had gone in smiling and exuberant, but came out looking grim. Several writers and radio commentators assumed that he had been told things about the international situation which were so grave that they had taken him aback.

People around President Truman, however, soon let it be known that General Eisenhower had been told nothing "alarming" and that a note of optimism had pervaded everything the General had heard. If the General looked grim after his hour-and-a-quarter's tutorial, they added, it was perhaps because he had realized for the first time what he has got on his plate as the next President of the United States.

### Talk with Taft

Senator Taft, now the most powerful man in the Senate, had 18 things he wanted to talk to the General about, but he said that the main one was the business of cutting the budget, particularly that part of it which dealt with military expenditures and foreign aid.

As well as seeing Taft, the General saw Senators Styles and Bridges. These two Senators with Senator William F. Knowland of California, are the trio from whom the Senate Republican floor-leader — the man who will have most influence on how the Republicans behave in Congress when Eisenhower asks them for money or supplies — is expected to be chosen. General Eisenhower must with the choice lay among men more sympathetic to his views.

Senator Taft wants to cut all expenditures. Senator Bridges wants to cut practically everything, except aid to Chiang Kai-Shek. He is one of the two men most qualified for the title of leader of the "China Lobby" in the Senate — that small but very influential group of Senators who have tried their best for three years to get the American Government to try to put Chiang Kai-Shek back on to the Chinese mainland and, if possible, back in Peking as the Chinese Government. Senator Knowland is a great Internationalist, but an internationalist who believes that the Far East has been neglected. He is the other man who could claim the title of leader of the China Lobby.

Though in Knowland, Eisenhower would have a floor-leader who admires, trusts and supports him to the hilt, he would not have a "friendly" floor leader with his own confident and forthright personality. With either of the other two, Eisenhower would have a floor-leader who could command the Party machine and would try to guarantee the President's

# 'New Look' For An Old Bee-Hive

By YUVAL ELIZUR

"WATCH carefully, you will see your bees' progress many centuries within one hour!" said G. R. Bloom, the Jewish Agency Adviser, to the small, still suspicious Yemenite who was standing beside him. Mr. Bloom's assistant carried the modern-looking wooden boxes out of the parked Land-Rover and placed them near the strange clay construction by the tool-shed. The construction was composed of seven clay jars plastered together, each containing a fully-fledged bee-hive. It was nearly as high as a man and there were swarms of bees around several of its small holes. With the help of the Jewish Agency's Department of Settlement, these primitive hives were being converted into efficient, modern hives, housed in wooden boxes.

### "Hobby" from Yemen

When Moshe S'adia came to Israel from Yemen on the "Magic-Carpet," over three years ago, he soon found himself working in the J.N.F. forests in the Jerusalem Corridor. Some time later, he, his wife and son, were among the 68 families who settled in Eshtaol, a Moshav situated on the main highway between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. The piece of land allotted to each family is very small and intended mostly for garden crops. But irrigation pipes have not yet been laid and most settlers still have to work in the J.N.F. forest near by. Moshe S'adia has a "side-line"; he keeps bees. In the beginning it was actually just a hobby. Back in Yemen he made a living by attending to 37 bee colonies which he kept in his back-yard. Here, planting trees in the Judean hills, he came across many colonies of wild bees that found refuge in small caves and hollow spaces underneath the rocks. The old urge came back to Moshe S'adia; he caught several colonies and brought them to his home in Eshtaol. Here he put them in home-made clay jars just as he used to do "back in the old country." The interior of each jar was soon partitioned with numerous honey combs, planned and constructed by the bees themselves. Obtaining honey from the primitive hive is a complicated business: one has to open the side cover of the jar, take out the honey-combs one after the other and squeeze each by hand.

### "The March of Time"

Moshe S'adia managed to squeeze out enough honey from his seven bee-hives so that his wife Lea could prepare some of the sweet dishes which she used to make in Yemen. However, there was not enough to sell. Avraham Dahari, Madrich of the Moshav, brought over Mr. Bloom, who suggested giving Moshe S'adia's bee-hives a "new look." A bee colony living in a jar soon gets too crammed and development is impeded. The wooden boxes can be added one to another and each colony can have almost unlimited "lebensraum." Also, the boxes have ready-make partitions that can be taken out each separately and have a prepared wax-base which makes honey production simpler for the bees. A modern bee-hive can produce up to 25 kilograms a year instead of less than one kilogram, which was Moshe S'adia's last year's return per colony. "New look" bees are provided not only with comfortable housing, but also with a special ration of sugar which supplements the sugar they suck from the flowers in the surroundings.

When the conversion of the bee-hives was first suggested to Moshe S'adia he hesitated. "What's wrong with the way I have been doing it?", he asked Mr. Bloom. Moshe S'adia would have refused to accept the innovation, but his son S'adia (aged "between 13 and 16") was all for it. Young S'adia wants to learn new systems; he has seen some results of Mr. Bloom's work in other parts of the country and likes them. He believes bees can be a business.

Moshe S'adia and Mr. Bloom watched with a faint smile as

Moshe S'adia's old bee-hive at Eshtaol. Each colony lived in a jar made by Moshe and his wife. Primitive hives like these are found all over the Middle East. Photo by Pennell.

the assistants got into protective shirts and netted headgear; neither of them ever uses "those things" — the bees have got used to them. Before breaking the plaster which sealed the clay cover of each hive, smoke was introduced into the hive through a whole in the back. Smoke gives the bees the sensation that "the house is on fire." They prepare to evacuate the hive, and intending to save what they can — they fill themselves with honey. They are then almost harmless.

### Bee Repairs

Each honey-comb taken out of the jar has to be cut and shaped to fit the new partition into which it was put. The bees soon mend the deformities and the honey-combs take the exact forms of the partitions. Not too much attention was given to keeping the bees from being scattered; those who got lost buzzed around the place where their former hives used to be. Soon they will find their colony and rejoin it in the new house; no bee gets confused and joins a different colony. Only a narrow entrance was left open in each hive; this entrance is carefully guarded against the attacks of murderous hornets and hostile bees who are out to rob honey.

Before Mr. Bloom and the Jerusalem who had come with him left, a row of wooden boxes took the place of the plastered jars. Bees were swarming around the narrow entrances enjoying their new homes.

# ON THE AIR

JERUSALEM: 437 M.; HAIFA: 240 M.; TEL AVIV: 41.8, 31.5 & 322 M.

**FIRST PROGRAMME**

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m. (summary, 8.30 a.m.); 7.55, 12.05, 1.30, 6.15, 8.30 and 11.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 1.30 p.m., 3.15 & 4.30 p.m.

TODAY

4.30 a.m. Service. 6.15 Exercises. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R)). 8.30 Orchestral Music. 9.45 Close Down. 12.30 a.m. Music While You Work (R). 11.00 Music (R). 12.02 Programme for Hospitals. 12.30 Ballet Music (R). 1.00 "Kabalat Shabbat." 3.30 Close Down.

4.30 p.m. Children's Hour. 5.00 Classical Request Programme: Overture "William Tell" (Rossini); Meistersinger Suite (Tchaikowsky); Symphony No. 1 (Schumann); 7.00 Readings from the Works of President Weizmann. 7.07 Programme Announcements. 7.10 Light Music (R). 7.45 Talk. 8.00 Songs. 8.30 Bible Reading. 8.45 Story. 9.05 Friday Night Concert: Overture "The Ruins of Athens" (Beethoven). London Philharmonic Orchestra. Conductor: Felix Weingartner: Concerto No. 9 for Piano & Orchestra (Beethoven). London Philharmonic Orchestra. Conductor: Sir Malcolm Sargent. Soloist: Arthur Schnabel: Symphony No. 3 (Beethoven). Boston Symphonic Orchestra. Conductor: Serge Koussevitsky. 10.30 Songs (R). 11.05 Close Down.

TOMORROW

7.30 a.m. Service and Melodies. 8.40 Songs (R). 9.00 Morning Concert: Works by Bach, Purcell, Arne, Beethoven, Schubert, Franck, Delibes, French, Grieg, Roger & Pastel. 10.00 Musical Quiz. 10.30 Literature Corner. 11.00 Concert Hall: Overture "Don Pasquale" (Donizetti); Concerto No. 2 for Horn & Orchestra (Mozart); Symphony No. 101 (Haydn). 11.40 Cantata Up, Ye Righteous (R). 1.00 Classics & Theatre. 1.45 Programme Announcements. 1.46 Classical Recordings (R). 3.00 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Light Music. 4.30 Opera: "Il Trovatore" (Verdi) Acts 1 & 2. 5.30 "Hamevaser." 7.07 Programme Announcements. 7.10 Talk. 7.25 Music (R). 7.45 Guests in the Studio. 8.00 Questions & Answers, by B. Rosin. 8.30 Bible Reading. 8.40 Songs. 8.45 Newsreel. 9.00 Talk. 9.15 "Hebrew Melody." 9.30 Music. 11.00 Close Down.

**SECOND PROGRAMME**

463, 225, 214 & 49.9 M.

English News: 1.45 p.m., 10.15 p.m. French: 2.00 p.m.

Today: 3.30 p.m. Programme by Request. 4.45 p.m. Works by Arnold Bax. 4.45 Music (R). 5.00 Programme for Youngsters. 5.30 Close Down.

Tomorrow: 4.00 p.m. Music of Our Time. 4.45 Programme of Music. 5.30 Legends. 5.30 Children's Hour. 6.30 Folk Dances. 6.45 Close Down.

Kol Zion Legola (31.5 M.): 11.15 p.m. Readings and Legends. 11.30 Landmarks in Jewish Literature. 11.45 "Chapters of Life." 12.00 Midnight. 12.02 a.m. "The Voice for the State."

ARET PROGRAMMES: (414, 344, 331 & 249 M.): 4.30 Opening. 4.31 Opera. 7.30 This Week's Events. 7.45 Bible Reading. 7.50 Works by Bach & Schumann. 8.30 News. 8.45 From the World of Music. 9.00 Chamber Music. 10.00 Close Down.

Tomorrow: 4.30 p.m. Opening. 4.31 Saturday Night Programme. 6.30 Works by Dvorak. 7.30 Today's Events. 7.35 Music. 8.00 "Questions & Answers," by B. Rosin. 8.30 News. 8.45 Music. 10.00 Close Down.

VOICE OF AMERICA: Hebrew Programme: 5-5.30 p.m. (13, 16, 19 & 25 M.): "Not by the Sword." Tomorrow: What America is Reading.

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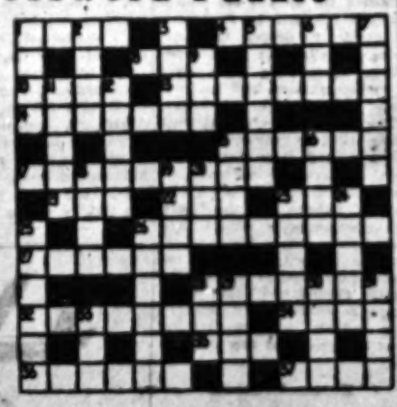

ACROSS. — 1. You'll hear me on the radio. 6. Thanks for starting the bike. 9. Animal of Israel. 10. Mark the spot perhaps. 12. It's in the pit. 14. Pianist who starts with a note. 15. Kind of soil. 17. It's in South America. 21. Russia's national drink? 23. A flapper who doesn't get through in a hurry. 24. Took a chair. 26. There's a person outside with fruit. 27. Close up on many pages. 28. Wrong before. 29. Mordechai's three-eighths. 34. Refuse to the end. 35. Dunbar's sister? 36. Put right. 37. A family bit of equipment.

DOWN. — 1. Ticket for a football match? 2. It may have its points for protection. 3. Variety of Bren. 4. One of the darkest continents? 5. Star animal? 7. Man put a card with a threat. 8. Liquor's a trap. 11. Fireside game? 13. Tribal emblem. 17. Pole from the mountains. 18. Vehicle more perhaps. 19. Unfeeling. 20. Forms of service. 22. Shakespeare lacquer? 23. This may make you sniff. 25. Passengers to France. 27. Cause an obstruction with a basket? 30. A full stop in America. 32. Part of Budapest. 33. Women love it, there are men in it. 36. He comes to a year later.

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DOWN. — 1. Bigots. 2. Bandied. 3. Rod. 4. Lavers-S. 5. Rebel. 6. Trees. 7. Granary. 12. Vic. 14. Dunes. 18. Unit. 19. Comedian. 20. Peacock. 21. Carpet. 24. Rio. 25. Plots. 26. Abyss. 28. Ash-s. 30. Eats.

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JERUSALEM ART NOTES

# Victor Hugo, Dessinateur

TO celebrate Victor Hugo's 150th anniversary, the Bezalel Museum is illustrating the literary work of the great French novelist with his own drawings. Victor Hugo, "Le Dessinateur," the draughtsman, was a romantic like Victor Hugo the writer and Victor Hugo the revolutionary. Excellent facsimiles of Hugo's aquarelled sepias, his pen and ink drawings, give an idea of how his picturesque fantasy subscribed the settings for his picturesque novels. Many of these sketches depicts a scene, all of them are static, describing the background to the innumerable dramatic happenings that made Hugo's cumbrous novels so dear to our grandparents. Every single one of them however reproduces an atmosphere to perfection: one readily believes that the most awe-inspiring events could happen in those medieval castles, on those misty alleees and deserted rocks.

Victor Hugo's pictorial talent was complementary to his literary gifts. Only, as a painter he was far less long-winded. With a few strokes of the pen or brush, he is able to state to perfection what he recounted in many foolscaps of manuscript.

All the elements of romantic fiction are present: Night, Mystery, the Past. Victor Hugo drew gothic dream-cities, shipwrecks, lonely windswept plains. His was a quaint, weird humour with a predilection for absurd machinery: this "Eddystone Lighthouse" could have been designed by Emmet of the Trains. The "Bombarde" and the "Royal Coach" are caricatures of the feudalism, attacked with a certain hate-love in his books. Some of Hugo's Nudes are surprisingly good. There is an anticipation of Impressionism in his "Sea Terrace" and in the "Three Trees." "Dead John Brown" is an outcry of strong and sincere pathos. In the Paris of Delacroix and Corot, of Daumier and Gavarni, Victor Hugo was far more than a gifted dilettante.

The period, encompassed by Victor Hugo's life, has again become near and dear to us. It might well be that Victor Hugo's drawings have a stronger appeal today than his books. They are the epitome of his novels, now far too long for people who barely find the time to read Balzac.

*Th. F. M.*

**Radio Review**

# Topical Issues

IT appears that Kol Tisrael, like the rest of us, has overspent. Discussions are currently being held to determine which sphere of broadcasting can best bear economy. One possibility is the elimination of morning broadcasts — which would be regretted by housewives, hospital patients and travellers in long-distance taxis. An alternative that has been mooted is the dropping of the Second Programme; this would be unfortunate as there had been hope of transferring it to evening hours at the beginning of next year, while research has shown that it has more regular listeners than many of us had suspected. One report states that the long-promised and overdue series of free discussions on topical issues will be indefinitely postponed because of the economies. This is a totally inadequate reason. These discussions would provide a very economical programme; indeed if the issues are political, the various parties would doubtless be willing to pay the expenses of their spokesmen. In any case, the series would be much cheaper than almost any other feature — and much more significant and important.

Another improvement that could actually save money, would be extending the length of "The Knesset and its Committees." During the last three momentous weeks there have been special Knesset broadcasts. But even in normal times it is impossible to compress three days of debating — often ranging over several major subjects — into 35 minutes. Generally, there is only sufficient time to illustrate two or three speeches from one debate, and the rest of the week's discussions are mentioned perfunctorily. This major feature deserves a minimum of a half-hour and its time can be extended without incurring any additional expenditure.

Last week brought another of the excellent Children's Hour series on World Literature by Amnon Achi-Naami. The subject was Imaginative Literature. The children from Maeterlinck's 'Blue Bird' represented Allegory; Wells' 'Invisible Man' came along to demonstrate Fantasy; while different forms of Satire were personified by Gulliver and one of Rossum's Universal Robots. The whole subject was admirably treated and succeeded in being both entertaining and highly instructive.

### Frequency Changes

In the middle of the broadcast, the voices of all the participants went a few tones higher. This may have puzzled listeners but the reason is bound up with the Jerusalem electricity supply, which changes frequency several times a day. Consequently a programme may be recorded in the afternoon and in the evening the machine playing it back will be running either faster or slower and the voices will be correspondingly higher or lower. This is one of the many problems facing our radio personnel that are not realised by the general public.

The Habimah players' presentation of "Mother Nature" proved a fresh and charming experience. The play had many of the qualities of the light French comedy film, which centres around the vicissitudes of a pair of lovers and a number of amusing minor characters. This particular play led up to a classical theatrical misunderstanding when the boy's mother and the girl discussed the paternity of the girl's child at cross-purposes. This was a very funny scene and the rest of the play proved somewhat of an anticlimax. The young lovers were excellently acted, but one or two of the smaller parts (notably the boy friend) were over-played for radio.

Footnote: one of the studios:— I suspect in Tel Aviv—possesses a ticking clock which almost drowns out a human voice. Could not Time be stilled for the sake of Art?

Pick of next week's listening: "Turandot" acted by the children of Shefeya (Sunday at 5.45); Music of Brahms (New series: Sundays at 5.45); "Words and Music," series by Frank Pelley (starting Monday at 8); Dostoievski's "Crime and Punishment" (Monday at 8); Dalapiccola's Piano Concerto (Tuesday at 9).

*AUDIO*

**STAR GAZING**

DURING the past few months, the attentive observer could see Venus low in the west after sunset. At present, it is higher up in the south-west. Venus will continue to rise and come nearer to Mars, which is now rather far from us and therefore proceeds more slowly than Venus.

At nine o'clock at the beginning and at seven at the end of the month, we see the winter sky in all its splendour. After Venus has set, Jupiter is the brightest object in the sky, apart from the moon. At the times mentioned, Jupiter is found in the south, rather high up. It remains conspicuous even when the moon, nearly full, passes by on the 26th. In Jupiter's surroundings we see the impressive winter constellations: in Taurus, ("the Bull") we find both the Pleiades cluster and the reddish star Aldebaran, which exceeds our sun 36 times in diameter and by 100 times in brilliancy. Aldebaran is also the main star of the Hyades, which are arranged in the shape of a V. But its 'belonging' to the Hyades is only apparent — Aldebaran's distance from us is "only" 55 light-years, while the Hyades are about twice as far away. The name Aldebaran means "the follower," as it follows the Pleiads across the sky.

Above the Bull we can easily recognize the pentagon Auriga, ("the Carrier"). Orion, the most characteristic of the winter constellations and containing more bright stars than any other, has already risen. The Big and the Little Dog are still near the horizon. The Little Dog is formed mainly by two bright stars: Prokyon, of first magnitude, and another star of third magnitude. The Big Dog is formed by many more or less bright stars, the brightest of all being Sirius, ("the Flaring One"). Sirius is the brightest fixed star in our sky, as its distance from us, compared with the size of the universe, is not very great. Its light covers the distance to Earth within a few years, while that of many other stars which can still be seen with the naked eye needs hundreds of light-years to reach us.

*JOSEF SMOIRA*

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SECONDARY EDUCATION IN ISRAEL

# PUPIL WASTAGE AND THE REMEDY

By Arthur Saul Super

WE now come to an examination of the serious wastage of pupils during the four years of the secondary school course. What are the reasons for this decline in numbers? The Municipality of Tel Aviv Education Dept. has a standard rule that any secondary school pupil who fails in two or more subjects at the annual examination at the conclusion of any year of study should not be allowed to continue. This rule causes many casualties in many grades. It thus leads one to some interesting speculations.

There are four possible reasons for so many failures. The entrance examination may not be selecting the right type of pupil; the syllabus may be too difficult; the instruction may not be adequate to the need of the syllabus; the examinations may not be properly adjusted to the standards the pupils have reached.

Tel Aviv imposes a psychological as well as an educational test on entrance candidates for secondary schools. These psychological tests have certainly been under heavy fire by advanced educationalists in recent years. Techniques and standards imported from abroad and administered, as they are in part, by foreign experts can hardly be thoroughly efficient in selecting Israel children no matter how carefully they are adapted to local conditions.

### Uninteresting Work

The syllabus itself, as was hinted at the beginning of this study, is also a very delicate problem in the Israel school. Pupils complain that the work is uninteresting. This can mean one of two things, either a deficiency in the teaching of the subject or some fault inherent in the actual material itself. In fact, our general presentation of secondary school subjects (except in the hands of a particularly brilliant teacher) leaves much to be desired. Knowledge is laboriously injected into the masses of students in 45 minute doses six days a week. They are told what to read, what to admire, what to look for. They are rarely encouraged to find out for themselves. The presentation of the great classics: Yehuda Halevy, Bialik, Tchernikovsky, is made so dull that they are often spoiled permanently for the student. A vicious circle is set up which is hard to break, for teachers usually teach as they have been taught.

The secondary school should be the sun which gradually rises on the consciousness of the pupil and lights up for him the vast horizons of humanity which illuminates the great plains of the human spirit and brings into focus the mountain peaks of human genius. Unfortunately, however, by concentrating the sunlight of knowledge right into the pupil's eyes, our system tends to blind him forever to the beauties of human culture. He will stumble all his life in a fog and turn hither and thither blindly grappling after dry academic voices which monotonously grind upon his ears "Look this way for beauty"; "Look here for understanding"; "Here we discover art", and so forth.

The lesson programme of the student is overloaded. The division between humanities and science ("real") subjects should take place, at the latest, toward the end of the second year of High School. We must not be afraid of giving some pupils a training in the humanities alone (and the Jewish humanities — Bible and some Rabbinics—are as potent as the Hellenistic and Roman for this end.) The cultured man can move and operate freely in any sphere of society for he has been made capable of the most difficult mental and psychological adjustments.

### Testing Methods

More must be asked of the student personally. In literature, for example, he should be left alone a great deal, to read and browse, with guidance certainly, but with no enslavement to a rigidly set syllabus. One is sometimes almost tempted to imagine that syllabuses are put together to impress other educationalists who might read them rather than to fulfil the needs of the unhappy pupils upon whom they are inflicted.

Another reason for the wastage of pupils is the despoilment of their leisure created by the vast burden of homework imposed by every teacher, in every subject, every day. This gives the average pupil little time to cultivate his natural and personal interests during the critical and formative years of adolescence and so makes secondary school an intolerable burden. It also deprives the poor pupil of time to earn money after school in order to help with his fees.

When there is the question of examinations. Teachers should evolve a new method of testing and should be encouraged to be bold enough to grade children on their general record without testing by formal examinations.

What are the other causes of the withering away of pupils during the secondary school course? Economics of course play a great part. Many parents today just cannot afford the high fees added to the cost of the pupil's keep. The child all too often hears his parents figuring ways and means at home and this destroys his incentive to continue at High School. He feels that if he should fail, the blow to his parents' pride will be assuaged by the relief to his pocket—and human nature being what it is, this is often true.

There is another important cause why pupils do not make a special effort to complete their studies. Uniquely in Israel the school has not become the temporary centre of the child's universe. His youth movement means far more to him than his school. This is largely the fault of the school which does but little to inculcate what is known as a school spirit. The element of social and personal training of the child as a positive subject is lacking.

It is, of course, rather more difficult to postulate remedies than to diagnose the disease. A far larger sum of money must be allocated to secondary education. The economic gain to the State has already been mentioned. Secondly the schools must become the student's community. They must take on personality and status in the eyes of the pupils. They can only do this by becoming a moral force in the pupil's life, by becoming the place where he really feels he is being usefully prepared for his place in life.

Teachers should be paid a sufficiently rewarding salary to enable them to devote all their time to one school and build up the required intimate teacher-pupil relationship. At present too many give their quota of lessons in one school and immediately rush off elsewhere to supplement their income. Parent-teacher bodies must be developed as a real force, as active units, so that the child can see that the home and the school are equally concerned in his welfare. Trends should be abolished in order to give us larger and more economic school units. Because youth groups play so important a part in the life of the pupil they should be brought right into the school community somehow. As a compensation for the abolition of trends it might even be suggested that the various youth groups be given rather a large part to play in extramural activity even following in extra-curricular activity within the framework of the school community. And of course the cost to the parent must be reduced.

Israel cannot afford to become a semi-literate community. It cannot afford to endure a prolonged crisis in secondary education. A thorough overhaul of the existing system is as vital a task in making this young State of ours viable as any large industrial or economic project. Neglect of some part of the material development of the country can only mean that we shall live by less bread alone for a very limited number of years. Neglect of education — particularly secondary education — now, means that we bequeath the whole spiritual and moral efficiency of the State in its first critical generation. The punishment for such a sin may well be visited upon us unto the third and fourth generation.

*This is the last in a series of articles on secondary education. The others appeared on Nov. 14 and 16.*

## Second War...

High ambitions will help keep the body temperature up on cold winter days. The fresh air sports fan will come in solid enjoyment week in, also in June and survive a year which is part of the toast of the week. The one on the left to wonder full and has a contrasting carrot at the ends.

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## Joy Time Is Joy Time

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## THE RUSSELL-ROOSEN CONTEST

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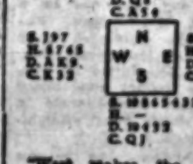


"West makes the diamond king and switches to a trump, whereupon South brings home a four spades contract. A switch to a club after the diamond king would have set the game.

The official solution is:—

D king, S ace, H knave-ace-ruffed, D ace, S king (1) (2), H ten-king-ruffed, C queen-king-ace (3), H two-ruffed, S queen, H ruffed, C jack (or depending on the discard D jack), D nine, etc.

(1) C queen, D nine, S king, H ten-king-ruffed, C ace, H four-ruffed, S queen; and East is squeezed.

(2) C king-ace, H ten-king-ruffed, D nine, C queen, S king, H four-ruffed, S queen; and East is squeezed.

(3) C queen, D nine (heart), S queen (!) H nine-queen-ruffed, S ten; and West is squeezed.

(4) C king-ace, H four-ruffed, S queen; and East is squeezed.

The "cook":—

D king, C queen, S ace, H jack-ace-ruffed, S king, H ten-king-ruffed, S queen; East being squeezed, must throw a club. But then comes H nine-queen-ruffed, C jack, D ace, H ruffed, and West is thrown in with D four.

The play will not alter materially if West plays the king of clubs to the second trick.

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## More 'West Is Best' Recipes

By Molly Lyons Bar-David

THE 'Sunset Salad Book' ($1). (By Emily Chase.) is simply delectable — utterly mouth-watering. This book too gives novel ideas for meals and cookery hints as you go along, to make your salads feasts for the eye as well as the palate. Here, for instance, are some ideas of how to use our own plentiful cottage cheese (I suggest you put it through a sieve with a little lebenia to make our local product even creamier!).

### Strawberry Cheese Salad

(Note: If you want to make a recipe similar to this at the present season, use bananas and a little rationed jam for color. Our local gelatine comes in sheets — 1 sheet will do for this recipe. Nuts are optional.)

Soften 2 tbsps. gelatine in 3 tbsps. cold water; dissolve in 1 cup hot milk. Add 2 cups sliced strawberries, 2 cups cottage cheese, ½ cup mayonnaise, ½ cup chopped nuts, 2 tbsps. sugar, and salt to taste. Arrange six orange slices around side of a ring mould or wonder pot. Carefully pour in strawberry cheese mixture; chill until firm. Unmould on salad greens and fill centre of ring with whole strawberries. Serve with mayonnaise.

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The "Sunset Barbecue Cook Book" ($1.50), designed like a slab of pine itself, is an outdoor in flavour as the succulent dishes it guides you to cook. Here are some ruddy recipes for firepit cooking.

### Skillet Goulash

(Note: This recipe calls for bacon. In Israel substitute with sausage. Tinned corn is still available in many shops; otherwise kernel your own. Tomato puree now on the market should be diluted with twice the amount of water. For this recipe use two cups of ripe tomatoes and 1 tbsp. of tomato puree, as a substitute.)

½ pound diced sausage, 1 cup cubed [illegible] chopped. Salt and pepper. A little water.

Fry the meat in a heavy skillet until you have a good amount of melted fat, then add other ingredients. Cook for 20 to 30 minutes.

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Sunset has a book which pays tribute to its travellers and to the many lands from which its people come.

In "Cooking with a Foreign Accent" ($1), the versatility is really world-wide. You can select from recipes that have been adapted to American use originating from every possible taste and land. Here is a recipe called *lapskaus* from Norway. In Israel you can use leak meat and not necessary round steak, and use margarine instead of butter.

### Lapskaus Beef Stew

1½ lbs. round steak cut in cubes, flour, 4 tbsps. butter or margarine, 1 small onion, salt and pepper to taste, ½ tsp. sugar and juice of 1 lemon or 1 tbsp. red wine in ½ glass water. Hot water, 4 cups diced red potatoes.

Roll meat in flour and brown in fat. Add sliced onion and brown lightly. Season with salt and pepper. Stir in lemon juice mixed with sugar, or wine and water mixture. Simmer gently for a few minutes. Pour in hot water to cover meat, cover pan tightly, and simmer until meat is tender. Add diced potatoes, cover and cook over low heat 15 minutes or until potatoes are done. Serve in heated casserole. Or, when meat is tender, turn into casserole, add potatoes, and bake, covered, in moderate oven for 30 minutes.

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If all this instruction were not enough, Sunset has put out another book, "The Host and Hostess Book" ($3), a guide to successful entertaining. Here is most everything about parties, formal or informal, indoor or out.

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## Jerusalem the Beautiful

AN internationally-known personality and a frequent visitor to Israel once said, "I have known many cities but none so beautiful as Jerusalem, and none which instils within me such a feeling of inner peace."

That in a nut-shell seems to sum up the feelings of countless visitors to the Holy City, from the humble traveller of medieval days to the air-borne, cushion-comforted traveller of the modern world. In fact, you are guaranteed to feel the spirit of the City almost as soon as you see it for the first time from the Arab village of Abu Ghosh some 10 miles from the city centre. The sombre Judaean Hills, like huge waves in a vast, petrified ocean, sweep you on your way up-hill and around hair-pin bends to the Capital perched some 2,500 feet above sea level.

Modern Jerusalem is a large, far-flung city, stately and proud-looking. Its buildings constructed in simple lines from the pink and amber stone on which the City stands and which blends so perfectly with the agelessness of the historic surroundings. The broad streets and tree-lined avenues, spread over the once-neglected desolate hills and valleys, are busy centres in which the City's cosmopolitan population of 140,000 persons lives, works and plays.

### City of Contrasts

You will find it a city full of surprises, and perhaps therein lies its charm and fascination. The modern residential garden suburbs of Rehavia, Talbieh, Bet Hakerem and the German Colony contrast vividly with the Orthodox and Oriental quarters. The narrow, cobble-stoned streets which open suddenly onto the main thoroughfares are entrances to another century and lead to worlds of the Yemen, Kurdistan, Bukharia, Arabia and Eastern Europe. Each community has its own customs, culture, language and costume and they fill the City with colourful pageant; the wide-brimmed fur hats, beards and black robes of the Orthodox mingling with the turbans and multi-coloured, patched trousers of Bukharia.

You will be disappointed at not being able to visit the Old City of Jerusalem and will instead have to content yourself with gazing rather wistfully from nearby vantage points as do the Jerusalemites themselves. A favourite view is over the Municipal Garden wall in King George Avenue from where you see the crenellated walls enclosing the spires, domes and minarets and Holy Places of Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Dwarfing the Old City walls are the close-cut buildings which form the skyline of the New City, and behind these two contrasting pictures is the backdrop of the Mount of Olives and the distant, kaleidoscopic Mountains of Moab.

### Religious Sites

But the New City contains much of historical and Biblical importance. Mount Zion with the Tomb of David, the Cellar of the Martyrs, the Church of the Dormition with the Crypt of Mary and the traditional Chamber of the Last Supper. Ain Kerem, the traditional birthplace of John the Baptist with many beautiful churches and monasteries nestling among the pine-covered slopes; the Tomb of Herzl which crowns the City; the Tombs of the Sanhedrin, the Judges of the ancient High Court of Israel; the communal settlement of Ramat Rahel which commands a magnificent view of Bethlehem. Then there are the national institutions, the Hebrew University, the Bezalel Museum, the permanent archaeological exhibition, and these, together with the quaint quarters, churches and synagogues and the combination of ancient and modern are the make-up which covers the face of Israel's capital city.

IVOR H. NORMAN

## American Travel Clinic

CHICAGO. — Technicalities of travel to Israel and the Near East gave way to another topic. What, one agent asked, about the creature comforts for a person visiting Israel? The questioner added that, from his experience, the main thing American tourists are concerned about is hotel accommodation.

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# THE TWILIGHT OF PRAGUE

ANATOMY OF A SATELLITE. By Dana Adams Schmidt. Atlantic Monthly Press-Little, Brown, Boston. 512 pp. $5.00.

By a Special Correspondent

This book by the former "New York Times" correspondent in Czechoslovakia, who now represents the "New York Times" in Israel, could hardly be more timely. It contains the complete background of the Slansky trial, in the sense that the trial is the expression of a whole political and economic system.

Mr. Schmidt starts out with his and his wife's personal story in Czechoslovakia and manages, we think, to catch some of the strained, oppressive atmosphere of a Communist capital. He recalls his efforts to keep in touch with Czech friends without incriminating them—waiting till dark and walking round the block a few times to be sure he was not being followed.

The series of revealing anecdotes ends with the story of the hasty departure of himself and his wife [illegible] Prague when, on the eve of a great political trial in May, 1950, he got word from a trusted source of information that he was to be arrested. The informant said he was to be held as a witness in the political trial and later to be tried himself. Previous trials had been directed against Western businessmen, the Catholic Church, political organisations with Western affiliations, the American and several other Western embassies, and rumours that a "Western newspapermen's trial" was being planned were already in circulation.

### The Oatis Case

A week after the Schmidts left Prague, William Oatis arrived as Associated Press correspondent, and it was he who eventually was used by the Communists in the "newspapermen's trial" and sentenced to ten years prison. Schmidt has pieced together a full account of that trial from all available sources. It makes a grim document. Further on he analyses two other political trials and the Communist concept of justice, according to which the trials operate. "Objective justice" is an outdated, bourgeois capitalist concept; the new justice is only "that which serves the interests of the working class."

The book traces the story of Czechoslovakia from earliest times up to and including the Communist *coup d'etat* of February 1948. In the confused events connected with that coup Schmidt discerns a Communist technique for seizing power in Western-type nations, and also lessons which Western nations must learn if they are to combat Communist infiltration.

In much detail the author shows the impact of so-called "socialist realism" on literature, drama, music and art; he reports on the long struggle with the regime of the Catholic Church led by Archbishop Beran who has now been interned mysteriously in some remote place. And finally he tackles the big question: "Can Western Culture Survive?" Mr. Schmidt does not underrate the manifold weapons of Communist pressure-police, propaganda, schools, youth organizations — but he thinks Western culture can survive. "The Communists," he says, "have not yet devised a means of extinguishing the cultural memory of a Western people. The Czechs are tough-minded."

### Economic Setback

In his discussion of Communist economics Mr. Schmidt gets a little difficult, and one suspects that he found the going difficult too. The main fact that emerges is that the regime is having a very bad time economically, due mainly to Soviet Russian demands. The standard of living which the Communists promised to raise is actually declining, and even for the workers. This is the first and perhaps most important part in the origins of the Slansky trial.

The economic difficulties have led to disillusionment among the workers who supported the Communists in 1948. They have begun to turn against the Party. A mass of quotations from official Party publications and from other sources show that the Communists are fighting spontaneous slow-down strikes in mines and factories, that they engaged in the kind of resistance one would expect of the "Good Soldier Schweik," namely, non-attendance at party meetings, non-compliance with Party directives, and occasionally, discreet sabotage. There is reason, Mr. Schmidt believes, to interpret the signs of resistance as signs of a Czech-style Titoist ferment in the land. One hopes he is right but one has an uneasy feeling that Mr. Schmidt is often too optimistic.

### Need for Scapegoats

Because Czechoslovakia is so important to the Soviet Union industrially and strategically, the Kremlin has sought a bold solution for the ills of the Prague regime. Beginning in 1950, a great Kremlin-approved purge was launched. The purge was to help the Communists regain their grip on the workers by sweeping away the most unpopular representatives of the regime. The purge would provide scapegoats for everything that had gone wrong. And the men who remained in office would be built up as real Czechs who really had the interests of their country at heart.

The most important victims of the purge, as it turned out, were Jews, and the most high-ranking among them was Rudolf Slansky, secretary-general of the Communist party.

Mr. Schmidt anticipated that Zionism would be one of the charges brought against the Jewish defendants, but he obviously thought that the issue of Zionism would be subordinate to Titoism. In this revolting spectacle of the purge in which the Kremlin has sacrificed its most devoted agents on the altar of expediency, Mr. Schmidt manages, as always, to find something hopeful; and, again, one hopes he is right. He believes the shift of the world balance of power in favour of the West, the growing ferment of Titoism in Eastern Europe, expressing itself in varied forms of resistance, has obliged the Kremlin to make this sacrifice of its best agents and to undertake a dubious experiment with a supposedly Soviet-controlled, house-broken form of Titoism headed by President Gottwald. He suspects these neo-Titoists may not be as well house-broken as the Kremlin hopes and sees an historic opportunity for Western agents to infiltrate Communist parties in Czechoslovakia and other eastern European countries and prepare for the day when those countries can be liberated or can liberate themselves.

While one may differ with Mr. Schmidt's conclusions, this is beyond doubt an authoritative study of an eastern European satellite. Since that part of the world is now closed to Western journalists, it is likely to retain this distinction for some time to come.

SIGMUND MENKES: WOMAN WITH TRAY

From the current exhibition of French Art at the Bezalel Museum, Jerusalem. Photo by Braun

# PALMACH IN ACTION

BEFROTZ HAPORTZIM (When the Shock Troops Broke Through). The Diary of a Palmach Soldier. By Amitai Etzioni. Ahiasaf, Jerusalem, 1952. pp 263.

If a refugee ship needed "hands" to carry out immediate disembarkation of "illegals" and their dispersal throughout the settlements, the Palmach was called. If a spearhead was required to lead a difficult assault — again the Palmach. And if a last-ditch stand had to be made at Kiryat Anavim or the way kept open to besieged Jerusalem — who should be invited but the Palmach? Little wonder then that the Palmach had the reputation of being Haganah's striking force.

For the Palmach soldier relating this absorbing story, it all began about five years ago when he was initiated into the rigours of Palmach training with a trip on foot from Bet Eshel to Massada. There was a purpose in the hardships that the youngsters were forced to undergo: it steeled them against the trials that were sure to follow.

Etzioni is content to let his story evolve naturally, as he saw it with his own eyes. His descriptions are vivid, and his punch-by-punch account of the battle for Kiryat Anavim and points along the road are absorbing and at times breathtaking. The fiction, if any there be in the story, is always hinged on fact. Here and there the tale is interspersed with a brief philosophic reflection or a scrap of pointed humour. It is all a slice of history — history so recent that seems at times so remote.

"We believed in all sincerity," he writes during the first Cease-Fire, "that a better, a more righteous world would arise after the war. We wanted the State that would come into being and for which we were paying such a heavy price to be better than the Yishuv which we had left to defend."

The "Shock Troops" came through the war, but not unscathed, and Etzioni closes with the universal prayer, that his comrades-in-arms who had gone will not have died in vain.

M. H.

# POLITICS IN THE ABBRUZZI

UNA MANCIATA DI MORE (A Handful of Blackberries). By Ignazio Silone. Mondadori, Milan. 280 pp.

This is the story (already briefly reviewed in these columns) of Rocco de Rosatis, one of the leaders of the resistance movement during the second world war, Stella, a young emigrant from Austria, Zaccaria who heads a gang of patriotic robbers, Martino the son of a poor collier and an ex-Communist, Don Nicoola the priest and many others: poor peasants and party officials, both Fascist and Communist, Catholics and unbelievers. It is also the story of the trumpet which was sounded in pre-fascist times whenever the "cafonis" of San Martino decided to defend their rights against oppression.

The trumpet was silenced when Mussolini ruled, and it was not heard again until some time after the liberation, when the former masters were restored to power in Rome, and when the opposition, pretending to defend the poor and exploited, betrayed their trust. It is impossible to relate in a brief review all that happened to Silone's heroes: let it be said only that the time is 1944-48, and we are again in that part of the Abbruzzi which we know from "Fontamara," "Bread and Wine," and the "Seed beneath the Snow."

### Lost Illusions

It is the kind of great book every writer dreams of writing one day, and one in a generation does: Some, like Aragon, are prevented from doing so by ideological blinkers, others, like Sartre, Moravia, or Camus cannot rival Silone because they cannot write in the same simple, direct, straightforward style.

Like Odysseus, he returns home after having faced all the perplexities of his time: Circe and Calypso, Scylla and Charybdis, the Cyclops and the Lotus Eaters. But he does not return as a victor: and when he describes the village in the faraway valley there is much of his personal disillusion in it: "The changes of the war brought deceptive hopes to the valley, but in the end rain fell and snow, and the poor remained poor..."

This underlying pessimistic note puts Silone in contrast to the official and artificial optimists, but it is more than a mood resulting from personal experience: It is the reflection of the tragedy of our times, and Silone is too honest to rouse more unfounded hopes.

Silone's book is soon to appear in England and America, and a Hebrew translation will be published by "Am Oved." It is undoubtedly one of the literary events of the year.

E. LAQUEUR

# BETH ALPHA BORN

*Impatiently, the dawn leapt through the gloom*
*By the sombre hills where bleak Gilboa loomed*
*Wind-shorn and desolate, an outcast place*
*Accursed by the poet-king of our warrior-race;*
*No greater execration at Jericho*
*Ground its doomed walls to dust by the horn's blow*
*Than such that banished thee all dew and rain*
*From the bleeding heights where fell the royal reign —*
*Saul and Jonathan whom death did not part,*
*Mourned by Israel's daughters in the crowded mart.*
*Here was our home to be, where the brazen sun*
*Raged all day and at dusk, the scorpion*
*Stole sliding down the rocks — "O barren land*
*Cropped close and hollowed by the centuries' levelling hand,*
*Our twenty lives we consecrate to you*
*Till all these hillsides flow with milk and dew,*
*While blooming corn and bees from the honeyed-comb*
*Lead our wanderers the long way home."*

DOV VARDI (1933)

# COOKERY BOOKS AND A PLAY

By OLIVIA MANNING

It is a fact only too well known at home and abroad that English food has never recovered from the war years. The period of Eliot's winter evenings that "settled down with smells of steaks in passageways" has, alas, gone for good. A hard, gristly piece of frozen steak may occasionally come our way but when it does there is scarcely enough of it, when cooked, to perfume the kitchen, much less an out-door passage. A savoury smell may sometimes be produced by frying a pound of sausages but these, being made of bread, lights and seasoning, have no taste at all. But it's an ill wind etc., and now that the raw materials of her trade are poor, the once so maligned English cook has begun to put on a continental stature. This applies most of all to the housewife and the business girl who, when they learnt for the first time to cook during the servantless war years, decided to cook properly. They had travelled; they had seen how things should be done.

A new ideal has taken possession of English cooking. Without meat, once the only food that could be put down in front of an Englishman, the cook has to use her imagination and the publisher of cookery books has been at hand to help.

Never was there such a spate of cookery books in England. In one shop window I saw seven different editions of Mrs. Beeton, that greatest of all English writers on cooking. But this lady, who died before she was thirty, did not write for the modern kitchen. Her books can be less used as a guide now than mooned over by the eternally hungry who get some sort of morose delectation from recipes that instruct you to "take the yolks of a dozen eggs" or "add a pint of cream." It is the latter-day writers who have set themselves to combat our meat-less, egg-less, creamless state and tell us how to make excellent dishes from the materials in hand.

### French Senator's Recipe

To my mind quite the best of recent publications was *A Book Of Mediterranean Food* by Elizabeth David (Lehman, 10/6) who was in Cairo during the war. The fact that a new edition of this excellent and charming book is soon to appear, gives me an excuse to mention it here and recall, if nothing else, the fact that it contains the famous recipe for *Lièvre à la Royale* which is not only a recipe but a piece of literature. This was compounded by Senator Couteaux who wrote regular articles for the Paris newspaper *Le Temps* and one day, instead of his usual political column, published instructions for a dish which takes seven hours to prepare. This does not mean seven hours of quiet stewing but seven hours of almost constant attention with some operation, such as the addition of vegetables, wine, garlic, bacon or shallots, the making of sauce or the skimming of the pot, taking place every hour or so.

It is scarcely surprising that the Senator can record that when *Lièvre à la Royale* was prepared for him at a restaurant, "by six o'clock the exquisite aroma had penetrated the doors" and "floated down the street and out into the boulevard, where the passers-by sniffed the scented air; an excitable crowd gathered, and the whole *quartier* was '*mis en émoi*'."

I will not say that such passion has yet possessed the English, but the day may yet come, so persistently are we provided with instruction, when our passage-ways may attract an excitable crowd sniffing the scented air. The latest encouragement is *The Best of Boulestin* (Heinemann, 21s.), a delightfully produced book which gives us a selection of the recipes of the famous chef.

### London Letter

Marcel Boulestin, whose London restaurant still flourishes, was not only a great cook but a quite considerable writer and man of culture. The sections of the book are prefaced with charming comments on London life which was for him exotic and poetic. He died in 1943, at the age of 65, when austerity had descended upon his restaurant as upon every eating-place in England. That was nearly 10 years ago and there has not yet been recovery.

"The Best of Boulestin" is as useful to the inexperienced as to the experienced cook. It begins with instructing one how to make a *Roux* and so, continuing to the simple basic sauces *Béchamel* and *Velouté*, we are led to a host of recipes to read which causes longing and the desire to improve one's own cooking out of recognition. Here there are not only recipes for soups, fish, poultry and game and many excellent ways of cooking vegetables, but instructions for the preparation of hors d'oeuvres and salads. A delightful book that can be read with pleasure even by an elderly gentleman who lives at his club.

### Ustinov Play

I hoped this week to write of Charlie Chaplin's new film "Limelight" but the queues to see it are still so long that our visit has had to be put off. This is the time of the year when theatres and cinemas, half empty all summer, start doing good business. The greatest success for some time has been Peter Ustinov's play "The Love of Four Colonels" for which every seat was booked at Wyndham's Theatre weeks in advance even during the heat wave.

This is a delightful piece, not very original, but full of fun, colour and amusing tricks. The first scene in which the four colonels of Austria's occupying forces — English, French, Russian and American — squabble over their weekly meeting is a fairly hackneyed picture of the conventional idea of the characteristics of each country. But when they are carried by a Wicked Fairy, played by Ustinov himself, to an enchanted castle and wake the Sleeping Beauty with whom each in turn enacts his characteristic love idyll, the fun gets going.

### Israel Actor's Success

The French colonel is the hero of a typical Restoration comedy, the American reforms a gun-man's moll, the Englishman (who, like all Englishmen, writes a little poetry) gives us a piece of satirical Shakespeare, while the Russian, brilliantly played by the Israel actor Theodore Bikel, steals the show with some odd Chekov. This play may not revolutionise the modern theatre but it makes for a highly enjoyable evening.

# KUPAT HOLIM AS EDUCATOR

The November issue of Eytanim (Strength), a monthly magazine published by Kupat Holim (25 pp., 125 pruta), contains in addition to the regular features, an interesting "catechism" entitled "Do You Hate Your Job?" It deals with the various factors conducive to a healthy and productive attitude towards one's work. Another article concerns persons over 70 at work. A number of prospective octogenarians were interviewed with the interesting result that it is not necessarily the state of their health that keeps them on the go, but rather the creative activity in which they are engaged.

The leading article cries "Cleanliness" with an exclamation mark and is followed by advice on the training of children in cleanliness.

The special section for children tells the story, in the form of a poem, of the bad boy who insists on playing in the street and is almost hit by a truck driven by the best friend of the children in the neighbourhood. The bad boy overcomes his fright, but the driver tells the boy that he hasn't, nor does he suppose he ever will.

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# Chess

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PROBLEM No. 794. Marc Kampfer, Paris. Specially Composed for The Jerusalem Post

White mates in five [illegible]

Endgame No. 29. Ladislav Zoeller (Sign. 1936)

White Draws

Problem 794 was given to us personally while visiting the famous cafe "La Regence" in Paris.

In endgame 29, White is in a seemingly desperate position, found an ingenious way to force a draw. We remind solvers that each correct solution in the endgames [illegible] is awarded [illegible] points and the solvers required to get a prize, in 100 points.

SOLUTIONS

[illegible]

HELSINKI, 1952

[illegible] defeat at the hands of Boleslavski was one of the finest games of the whole tournament.

Game No. 340

White: Boleslavski (USSR) Black: [illegible]

[illegible]

IPA's NEW EXECUTIVE

[illegible] was appointed Secretary and Treasurer and Mr. Joseph Goldschmidt Technical Secretary in charge of the educational scheme for new composers, solving contests and original contributions. The IPA is to publish a periodical review of its own, since the space at present allocated to composition in the chess columns does not meet the ever growing needs. The Association will also publish in booklet form the awards of the International Composing Tourneys conducted by it in the Israeli press, and which were not published in adequate form since 1951.

Membership fee has been fixed at IL.3 a year and the Secretary has issued a special appeal to all members to pay in their dues for the present year at their earliest convenience.

The meeting expressed appreciation to Mr. E. Shahaf, for his excellent work as the Secretary of the IPA since it was formed five years ago. Mr. Shahaf is to remain the Israel representative in the International Problem Board of which he is the General Secretary.

Composers, solvers, and composition fans are cordially invited to join the ranks of the Association. Application for full particulars are to be addressed to Mr. E. Heilbut, P.O.B. 709, Haifa.

FIDE TO CONTACT IPB AND ICCA

The FIDE congress (see J.P. of 14.11.52) has decided to enter in negotiations with the International Problem Board and the International Chess Correspondence Association with a view to their affiliation to the FIDE. The International Problem Board (President C.S. Kipping, England) was founded some thirty years ago and incorporates at the moment over 20 countries. The ICCA has become very popular lately and numbers a great many enthusiasts of the correspondence game.

The Israel Chess Federation was not represented in the FIDE congress, despite the fact that a formal decision to attend was passed by the I.C.F. a few days before the Israeli team left for Helsinki. Israel was also absent from the Zonal FIDE tournament in [illegible], and thus did not even try to [illegible] in the world championship competition. There is no more either about the forthcoming Israel championship which should have been played this year.

All this proves the ICF needs a re[illegible] and the sooner the better.

# Life and Letters

### Reading in England

The latest edition of the Municipal Year Book shows that more than 324 million books were borrowed from public libraries in England for home reading in 1950/51, an increase of eight million over last year. A record in the history of British publishing was achieved in 1951, with 18,000 new books or new editions.

### Space Travel

Stories about space travel are enjoying a great vogue at the moment among boys and girls everywhere; but many of the tales suffer because they are scientifically impossible. This is not true of "Moon Ahead" (Bodley Head, London, 9/6) because the author, Leslie Greener, is also a scientist and he has been careful to base his story of a journey to the moon on scientific facts.

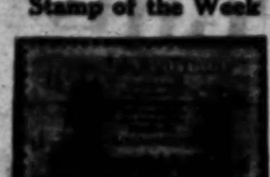
Two boys make the 240,000 mile trip—and their experience in space and on the moon itself provide a mass of information about cosmic rays, meteors, gyroscopes and asteroids and plenty of sound theory about interstellar space, rocket propulsion, space suits and many other things of fascinating interest.

### Hollywood Dilemma

The troubles of Hollywood film producers could be solved by following Sheilah Graham's advice (reported in the "Saturday Review"): "All they have to do to make movies better is to shoot less films and more actors."

(JCPWS)

### Stamp of the Week



Success stories are reflected in a new American stamp which is a tribute to free enterprise. It is inscribed:

"In recognition of the important service rendered their communities and their nation by America's newspaperboys."

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### Death of French Poet

Paul Eluard, French poet, novelist and essayist, died this week, at the age of 56.

After the first World War, during which he was severely gassed, he joined the Dadaist Movement and founded with Aragon and others the Surrealist Group. His first work, "Of the Necessities of Life, and the Consequences of Dreams," was published in 1921. During the Spanish Civil War he enrolled on the side of the Republicans and in 1942 he joined the Communist Party. He was made a member of the Order of the Resistance in 1947.

Of Eluard's poems on Liberty François Mauriac said that it ought to be learnt by heart by every French schoolboy.


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